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EXHIBIT

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JAMES C. KISTNER

STATE OF NEW YORK
SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF ERIE

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM
OF
JAMES KISTNER,

Claimant,

- against -

THE CITY OF BUFFALO,

Respondent .

Examination under oath of **JAMES C. KISTNER**,
Claimant, taken pursuant to Section 50-h of the
General Municipal Law, in the Office of Buffalo
Corporation Counsel, 1137 City Hall, Buffalo,
New York, on June 27, 2017, commencing at
11:08 a.m., before **ANNE T. BARONE**, RPR, Notary
Public.

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10 PRESENT: EARL KISTNER

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11:08:26 12 J A M E S C. K I S T N E R, 33 Schmarbeck,
11:08:42 13 Buffalo, New York 14212, after being duly called
11:08:42 14 and sworn, testified as follows:

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11:08:48 16 EXAMINATION BY MS. HUGGINS:

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11:08:50 18 Q. Nice to see you again. We met off the
11:08:51 19 record last week. My name is Maeve Huggins. I'm
11:08:54 20 an attorney for the City of Buffalo.

11:08:56 21 We're here today to discuss a notice of
11:08:58 22 claim that you filed regarding an incident
11:09:00 23 involving the Buffalo Police Department that you

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11:09:02 1 allege caused physical injuries to you.

11:09:05 2 What -- do you recall the date that that
11:09:07 3 incident occurred on?

11:09:09 4 A. January 1st.

11:09:12 5 Q. I'm going to ask you some questions
11:09:14 6 about your background, as well as regarding that
11:09:15 7 incident.

11:09:16 8 Have you ever testified before?

11:09:20 9 A. In a civil case?

11:09:21 10 Q. Any type of sworn testimony.

11:09:23 11 A. Yeah.

11:09:24 12 Q. In what context?

11:09:26 13 A. Criminal trial.

11:09:30 14 Q. Have you ever given deposition
11:09:32 15 testimony before?

11:09:33 16 A. No.

11:09:34 17 Q. It's going to be similar, but let me
11:09:37 18 just remind you of the ground rules.

11:09:39 19 We have a court reporter here who's taking
11:09:41 20 down everything that's being said. She can only
11:09:43 21 take down verbal answers. No head nods, shoulder
11:09:46 22 shrugs. So I'm going to ask that your responses to
11:09:49 23 my questions be verbal.

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11:09:50 1 If I ask you a question and you begin to
11:09:54 2 answer, I'm going to assume that you understood my
11:09:56 3 question. If you don't, just let me know and I'll
11:09:59 4 rephrase my question.

11:10:01 5 A. Okay.

11:10:02 6 Q. If at any point you need a break, let
11:10:03 7 me know. If I've just posed a question, I'm going
11:10:06 8 to ask that you answer the question before we take
11:10:08 9 that break.

11:10:13 10 The court reporter can't take down when two
11:10:16 11 people are speaking over each other, so I'm just
11:10:18 12 going to ask that you give me the courtesy of
11:10:20 13 allowing me to finish my question before you
11:10:22 14 answer, and I'll extend the same courtesy to you.

11:10:25 15 I think that's it for ground rules. Do you
11:10:30 16 understand and ready to proceed?

11:10:32 17 A. Yes.

11:10:33 18 Q. Before coming in here to testify today,
11:10:36 19 have you taken any drugs or alcohol that would
11:10:40 20 inhibit your ability to give truthful testimony
11:10:42 21 within the last 24 hours?

11:10:44 22 A. No.

11:10:45 23 Q. Did you skip taking any medication

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11:10:47 1 that you should have been taking within those last
11:10:49 2 24 hours?

11:10:49 3 A. No.

11:10:54 4 Q. In preparation for your testimony
11:10:56 5 today, did you review any documentation?
11:10:59 6 Photographs? Video?

11:11:02 7 A. Within the last 24 hours, no.

11:11:05 8 Q. Did you do any of that in preparation
11:11:07 9 last week when we had originally scheduled this?

11:11:10 10 A. No.

11:11:11 11 Q. Did you look at anything at all knowing
11:11:17 12 that you were going to give testimony today
11:11:20 13 regarding this incident?

11:11:24 14 A. The best way to answer that is I
11:11:27 15 haven't reviewed the video of what happened -- I
11:11:29 16 haven't reviewed the video in probably a month.

11:11:33 17 Q. Okay. And I should say on the record,
11:11:38 18 last week, when we originally had scheduled this
11:11:40 19 50-h, your attorney provided me a disc that
11:11:43 20 contained four separate video files. It's my
11:11:47 21 understanding that's what your attorney is in
11:11:49 22 possession of.

11:11:50 23 I'm going to ask -- because it's also my

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11:11:54 1 understanding from prior testimony that video was
11:11:58 2 recorded, I'm just going to ask that that video be
11:12:03 3 preserved and that I have an opportunity to inspect
11:12:07 4 the complete video, if anything else exists other
11:12:11 5 than the four video files that I was already given.

11:12:14 6 A. Okay.

11:12:15 7 Q. And I'll make that request through your
11:12:17 8 attorney.

11:12:17 9 Aside from conversations with your attorney --
11:12:20 10 those, I don't want to know about -- have you
11:12:22 11 discussed this incident with anyone else?

11:12:28 12 A. Friends and family, yes.

11:12:30 13 Q. What friends and family?

11:12:34 14 A. My sisters.

11:12:36 15 Q. What are their names?

11:12:38 16 A. Gwen Cassidy, Gail Malone. I'm going
11:12:57 17 to call him Mr. Gary. I don't know Gary's first
11:13:00 18 name, but he was the one that recovered the video
11:13:03 19 from the DVR. He's an IT guy.

11:13:08 20 Q. Does he work for you?

11:13:09 21 A. He -- in this instance, yes. We gave
11:13:14 22 him \$150 to take the DVR and put it to disc because
11:13:17 23 we didn't know how to do it.

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11:13:19 1 Q. What type of system was this video
11:13:21 2 recorded on?

11:13:22 3 A. A Swann.

11:13:26 4 Q. And forgive me. I don't know what that
11:13:29 5 is. What is it?

11:13:29 6 A. It's a Swann DVR with eight cameras.

11:13:35 7 Q. What location is that video system on?

11:13:38 8 A. It's at 37 Schmarbeck. It covers
11:13:44 9 41 Schmarbeck and 33 Schmarbeck.

11:13:52 10 Q. Are those eight cameras --

11:13:55 11 A. They're spread out all over those
11:13:57 12 buildings.

11:13:57 13 Q. So it covers those three addresses?

11:14:00 14 A. Yeah. Well, actually, it covers 24 as
11:14:04 15 well.

11:14:04 16 Q. Do you own and control that system?

11:14:08 17 A. Rachel Glurich owns the system.

11:14:18 18 Q. And who is Rachel to you?

11:14:20 19 A. We have three children in common.
11:14:23 20 She's my next-door neighbor.

11:14:27 21 Q. Are you currently in a relationship?

11:14:31 22 A. Yes.

11:14:32 23 Q. How long have you been together?

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11:14:37 1 A. 12 years at least. Maybe longer. I'll
11:14:41 2 be in trouble if that's wrong.

11:14:50 3 Q. So is Rachel the one that operates that
11:14:52 4 camera system?

11:14:58 5 A. When you say operates, it kind of
11:15:00 6 operates itself. You just turn it on.

11:15:02 7 Q. Like hit a button and it goes?

11:15:04 8 A. And then if something happens, then you
11:15:06 9 go to the machine and do the best you can to try to
11:15:10 10 say, okay, let me see what just happened down
11:15:13 11 there.

11:15:13 12 Q. Does that system record over itself, or
11:15:15 13 does it preserve the video?

11:15:17 14 A. Yeah, it records over -- it depends on
11:15:19 15 how you set it, but yeah, I'm pretty sure the way
11:15:23 16 we've been able to -- we're not expert IT people,
11:15:25 17 and the way it's been essentially set up is it
11:15:29 18 records over itself.

11:15:30 19 That's why we called Gary, this fellow, the
11:15:33 20 IT guy, and said, come over here and get the DVR
11:15:37 21 and make sure this gets preserved, because we're
11:15:40 22 afraid it's going to record over itself if we don't
11:15:42 23 do it quickly.

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11:15:44 1 Q. Were you able to preserve everything
11:15:44 2 with regard to this incident, in terms of the
11:15:48 3 video?

11:15:48 4 A. Gary asked us: What do you want
11:15:50 5 preserved? And I told him essentially what had
11:15:54 6 happened and said that's what we need. We need
11:15:59 7 any -- any pictures or views that will reveal what
11:16:03 8 happened in the front of the house, that's what we
11:16:06 9 need preserved.

11:16:07 10 So he took what was on the DVR and he made
11:16:11 11 those files on that disc that you got the other
11:16:15 12 day.

11:16:15 13 Q. The four separate files?

11:16:16 14 A. Yeah.

11:16:18 15 Q. And any other video from that day has
11:16:21 16 now since been deleted?

11:16:24 17 A. What Gary did at Gary's house when he
11:16:27 18 got the DVR and he put it into his computer and
11:16:29 19 transferred files, I have no clue if there's still
11:16:32 20 more stuff there.

11:16:36 21 I thought it important that we get the views
11:16:38 22 from the front of the house, so that's essentially
11:16:40 23 what -- what's on the four files.

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11:16:44 1 Q. Did everything with regard to this
11:16:46 2 incident occur in the front of the house?

11:16:53 3 A. Yeah. On the street in the front of
11:16:57 4 the buildings, yeah. There wasn't anything going
11:16:59 5 on in the house, behind the house.

11:17:00 6 Q. Did you ever discuss this incident with
11:17:02 7 Rachel?

11:17:05 8 A. Yeah. Yeah.

11:17:08 9 Q. Did you ever discuss with anyone that
11:17:11 10 you were going to come in and give testimony today
11:17:12 11 with regard to this incident, aside from your
11:17:16 12 attorney, of course?

11:17:18 13 A. Yeah. Several people knew. Rachel
11:17:21 14 knows. My sisters know. My son Earl knows. My --
11:17:25 15 two of my daughters know.

11:17:27 16 Q. And I guess we should put for the
11:17:29 17 record -- indicate that your son, Earl Kistner,
11:17:32 18 is also present for this 50-h.

11:17:35 19 A. Yeah.

11:17:36 20 Q. Okay. How old are you?

11:17:37 21 A. 57.

11:17:38 22 Q. What is your date of birth?

11:17:39 23 A. [REDACTED] 60.

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11:17:42 1 Q. Where were you born?

11:17:44 2 A. Cincinnati, Ohio, Jewish Hospital.

11:17:49 3 Q. Where were you raised?

11:17:51 4 A. Large part in Cincinnati as a child.

11:17:55 5 Q. When did you come to the City of

11:17:59 6 Buffalo?

11:17:59 7 A. I got here in '90. I think it was '90.

11:18:03 8 Q. What brought you here?

11:18:04 9 A. I had a sister that lived here.

11:18:13 10 Q. What is your Social Security number?

11:18:14 11 A. [REDACTED] 5112.

11:18:21 12 Q. Have you ever used any other Social

11:18:23 13 Security number?

11:18:23 14 A. No.

11:18:27 15 Q. What was your approximate height and

11:18:28 16 weight on January 1st, 2017?

11:18:32 17 A. I'm going to say five ten and 210

11:18:37 18 pounds.

11:18:39 19 Q. Are you right- or left-handed?

11:18:41 20 A. Right-handed primarily.

11:18:42 21 Q. Do you wear contacts or glasses?

11:18:47 22 A. I haven't traditionally, but as I get

11:18:49 23 older, I think I might need them. But no, I don't.

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11:18:52 1 Q. Do you have any hearing problems?

11:18:55 2 A. Sometimes. A lot of background noise.

11:19:01 3 Q. Have you ever been diagnosed with

11:19:03 4 anything with regard to those hearing problems?

11:19:05 5 A. No.

11:19:06 6 Q. Ever seen a doctor specifically for

11:19:08 7 those problems?

11:19:11 8 A. Not that I remember, no.

11:19:14 9 Q. What is your middle name?

11:19:15 10 A. Charles.

11:19:18 11 Q. Have you ever been known by any other

11:19:21 12 name other than James Kistner?

11:19:23 13 A. No.

11:19:23 14 Q. Do you have any nicknames?

11:19:25 15 A. No.

11:19:27 16 Q. Are you married?

11:19:29 17 A. No.

11:19:29 18 Q. Have you ever been married?

11:19:31 19 A. Yes. Once.

11:19:33 20 Q. Who was -- who were you married to?

11:19:35 21 A. Danielle Bradley.

11:19:40 22 Q. When did you get divorced?

11:19:46 23 A. I want to say 2000.

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11:19:50 1 Q. Do you have any children?

11:19:50 2 A. Seven.

11:19:54 3 Q. Now I'm going to test you. What are
11:19:55 4 their names and ages?

11:19:59 5 A. Okay. I'll do this chronologically,
11:20:01 6 and I bet I don't get any birth dates right.

11:20:05 7 Laurel Kistner, she's 25. Joelle Kistner,
11:20:14 8 she's 22. Kendall Barber, she's 22 also. Earl
11:20:28 9 Kistner, he's 21. And then E [REDACTED] and F [REDACTED]
11:20:36 10 K [REDACTED], they're twins. They're two and a half.
11:20:43 11 And C [REDACTED] K [REDACTED], he's three and a half.

11:20:51 12 Q. Do any of these children reside with
11:20:53 13 you?

11:20:53 14 A. They live with their mom next door.

11:20:55 15 Q. That would be E [REDACTED], F [REDACTED], and
11:20:59 16 C [REDACTED]?

11:20:59 17 A. Yeah. But I'm there every day. We
11:21:02 18 have an empty lot between our two houses, so
11:21:05 19 there's a place to be.

11:21:14 20 Q. You listed 33 Schmarbeck as your
11:21:17 21 residence. How long have you lived there?

11:21:24 22 A. Four years, five years.

11:21:28 23 Q. What type of residence is that?

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11:21:32 1 A. It's a typical Buffalo, 30-foot wide,
11:21:37 2 90-foot deep lot with a house on it. It's in
11:21:42 3 Polonia.

11:21:42 4 Q. Is it a single- or multi-family unit?

11:21:44 5 A. It's a single, but we always have more
11:21:47 6 than me living there.

11:21:53 7 Q. Do you rent or own that location?

11:21:54 8 A. I own 33.

11:21:58 9 Q. Does anyone live there with you
11:22:00 10 currently?

11:22:01 11 A. Bobby Gleen rents the second floor
11:22:06 12 and --

11:22:07 13 Q. I'm sorry to interrupt. Is that second
11:22:10 14 floor like a separate unit or just --

11:22:11 15 A. Yeah, it's a separate place.

11:22:13 16 Q. So is there more than one unit within
11:22:15 17 33?

11:22:15 18 A. Yeah. And then the Hammers live in the
11:22:24 19 front off the first floor.

11:22:25 20 Q. Hammers, like the tool?

11:22:27 21 A. Eugene and Mary. Eugene and Mary were
11:22:32 22 not there on January 1st. They weren't tenants.
11:22:36 23 And they're supposed to be moving this afternoon,

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11:22:39 1 so I don't know.

11:22:40 2 Q. What about Bobby? Was he a tenant at
11:22:42 3 the time this happened?

11:22:43 4 A. Bobby's been there five years, I think.
11:22:47 5 And Bobby's car was not there. Usually when
11:22:51 6 Bobby's car is there, Bobby's upstairs. But his
11:22:53 7 car wasn't there that day on the 1st, so I don't
11:22:56 8 think Bobby was home that day.

11:22:57 9 Q. Ever talk to Bobby or Eugene and Mary
11:22:59 10 about what happened on the 1st?

11:23:02 11 A. I haven't talked to Eugene and Mary
11:23:04 12 about it at all. I don't know if I've talked to
11:23:10 13 Bobby about it or not.

11:23:12 14 I know the downstairs tenant that was there
11:23:14 15 on the 1st of January, Mike Wolfe, I told Bobby
11:23:21 16 Mike Wolfe moved and told him under the
11:23:25 17 circumstances, but I don't think I really got
11:23:27 18 into the minutia of it.

11:23:29 19 Q. In your actual unit, does anyone reside
11:23:33 20 in that unit with you?

11:23:34 21 A. No.

11:23:37 22 Q. Do you receive rent from Bobby, Eugene,
11:23:41 23 and Mary for these units?

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11:23:44 1 A. Yeah.

11:23:47 2 Q. On January 1st, 2017, did anyone reside
11:23:50 3 in that unit with you?

11:23:52 4 A. No.

11:23:53 5 Q. And when I say, that unit, I mean the
11:23:55 6 one that you live in.

11:23:56 7 A. Yeah. No.

11:24:01 8 Q. Are you currently employed?

11:24:03 9 A. No.

11:24:04 10 Q. What do you do for income?

11:24:13 11 A. You mean how do I get by?

11:24:17 12 Q. How do you support yourself?

11:24:20 13 A. I collect rents, and I pay expenses
11:24:24 14 with those rents, and what meager is left over,
11:24:29 15 I try to keep me off of food stamps.

11:24:32 16 Q. What -- you listed a bunch of addresses
11:24:34 17 at Schmarbeck -- on Schmarbeck. Which ones do you
11:24:38 18 own?

11:24:38 19 A. I own 24, I own 29, and I own 33.

11:24:46 20 Q. Do you correct -- collect rent income
11:24:49 21 from all three of those locations?

11:24:51 22 A. No. 24 is empty, 29 is an empty lot,
11:24:55 23 and 33 is mine.

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11:25:07 1 Do I collect rent elsewhere? Yes. I
11:25:10 2 collect off of one second floor unit that Rachel
11:25:15 3 Glurich owns at 41.

11:25:27 4 From those rents, which could potentially be
11:25:30 5 three if they're full, I pay everything on all six
11:25:35 6 properties. All property taxes, city and county;
11:25:40 7 all water; all sewage rental; all garbage fees; all
11:25:45 8 gas on all units; all electric on all units.

11:25:48 9 And our primary tenants are referrals from
11:25:54 10 mental health agencies. Restoration Society here
11:25:58 11 in Buffalo sends us a lot of tenants. It's like
11:26:03 12 you pay one bill and we take care --

11:26:05 13 MR. OSTROWSKI: Wait for a question.

11:26:07 14 THE WITNESS: -- of the rest.

11:26:10 15 Does that answer the question?

11:26:11 16 MR. OSTROWSKI: I said wait for a question.

11:26:13 17 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

11:26:14 18 BY MS. HUGGINS:

11:26:15 19 Q. No. That's okay.

11:26:16 20 What's your highest level of education?

11:26:18 21 A. I have a master's degree in urban
11:26:22 22 planning from UB. Graduated in 2011.

11:26:29 23 Q. Any other degrees besides that urban

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11:26:33 1 planning master's?

11:26:34 2 A. I've got a BA from UB in sociology and
11:26:40 3 history. A dual major.

11:26:41 4 Q. When did you receive that degree?

11:26:45 5 A. I want to say '08.

11:26:47 6 And an associate's of arts from Niagara
11:26:51 7 County Community College, and I want to say that
11:26:56 8 was '04, '03.

11:26:57 9 I got them in a row. I was in school for
11:26:59 10 nine years.

11:27:00 11 Q. Did you graduate from high school out
11:27:01 12 in Cincinnati?

11:27:03 13 A. No. I got a GED in 1978 in Ohio. I
11:27:08 14 didn't go to high school.

11:27:11 15 Q. Any other training or educational
11:27:14 16 programs aside from the two degrees from UB and the
11:27:17 17 associate's from Niagara Community?

11:27:19 18 A. I went to the American Institute for
11:27:22 19 Paralegal Studies in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1978,
11:27:27 20 after I got my GED.

11:27:32 21 Q. Do you have a driver's license?

11:27:33 22 A. No. I've never had a driver's license.
11:27:35 23 I've never driven.

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11:27:47 1 Q. I may have asked this before, so I
11:27:49 2 apologize if I have. On January 1st, 2017, were
11:27:52 3 you employed aside from the work you do renting out
11:27:55 4 these apartments?

11:27:56 5 A. No.

11:28:07 6 Q. Do you collect any unemployment or
11:28:10 7 public assistance?

11:28:11 8 A. Not currently.

11:28:14 9 Q. Were you collecting any on January 1st,
11:28:16 10 2017?

11:28:17 11 A. No.

11:28:25 12 Q. Do you have any criminal convictions?

11:28:30 13 A. No crimes of moral turpitude.

11:28:33 14 Q. Do you have any other criminal
11:28:34 15 convictions aside from crimes of moral turpitude?

11:28:39 16 MR. OSTROWSKI: Misdemeanor or felony is a
11:28:42 17 crime.

11:28:42 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

11:28:43 19 BY MS. HUGGINS:

11:28:44 20 Q. What are your criminal convictions?

11:28:48 21 MR. OSTROWSKI: Can I -- can we have a
11:28:52 22 time frame here? Because I want to go by the rules
11:28:54 23 of evidence. I think it's ten years.

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11:28:56 1 MS. HUGGINS: Do you want to do ten? Does
11:28:59 2 he have -- do you have criminal convictions?

11:29:00 3 MR. OSTROWSKI: I mean, I'm just trying to
11:29:02 4 keep it relevant.

11:29:04 5 THE WITNESS: Do I have any felony
11:29:06 6 conviction within the last decade? No.

11:29:08 7 BY MS. HUGGINS:

11:29:08 8 Q. Do you have any misdemeanor convictions
11:29:09 9 within the last decade?

11:29:11 10 A. I don't think so, no.

11:29:14 11 Q. Could you have any that you don't
11:29:16 12 remember?

11:29:19 13 A. I think if I had them, I'd remember.
11:29:24 14 The question is the ten-year frame. I don't think
11:29:27 15 I have any in the last ten years.

11:29:29 16 MR. OSTROWSKI: Do you want to talk to me
11:29:31 17 outside?

11:29:39 18 THE WITNESS: I think that's it.

11:29:40 19 MR. OSTROWSKI: Let's talk outside.

11:29:41 20 THE WITNESS: All right.

11:30:27 21 (A recess was then taken.)

11:30:27 22 MR. OSTROWSKI: He's going to clarify that
11:30:28 23 last answer.

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11:30:30 1 THE WITNESS: I'm hoping to reiterate what I
11:30:33 2 said earlier. No, I don't have any convictions in
11:30:35 3 the last ten years.

11:30:36 4 BY MS. HUGGINS:

11:30:36 5 Q. Okay. Have you been arrested by the
11:30:37 6 police in the last ten years?

11:30:40 7 A. Yes. January 1st.

11:30:41 8 Q. Aside from the incident on January 1st,
11:30:44 9 2017, were you -- have you been arrested previous
11:30:49 10 to that?

11:30:53 11 MR. OSTROWSKI: In the last ten years?

11:30:55 12 MS. HUGGINS: I mean, really, Jim, he's put
11:30:58 13 it at issue by making a claim regarding unlawful
11:31:01 14 arrest and saying that he has emotional damages as
11:31:03 15 a result of it.

11:31:06 16 MR. OSTROWSKI: Could we just go off the
11:31:07 17 record?

11:31:08 18 MS. HUGGINS: Sure.

11:32:09 19 (Discussion off the record.)

11:32:09 20 BY MS. HUGGINS:

11:32:11 21 Q. Aside from January 1st, 2017, have you
11:32:14 22 ever been arrested previous to that?

11:32:18 23 A. In the last ten years, yes. Once.

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11:32:20 1 Q. When was that?

11:32:23 2 A. I'm thinking it was 2005.

11:32:28 3 Q. Do you recall what town or city that
11:32:31 4 took place in?

11:32:33 5 A. City of Buffalo.

11:32:33 6 Q. Were criminal charges pressed?

11:32:39 7 A. I have to ask to qualify that or to --

11:32:42 8 Q. Did you ever have to go to court for
11:32:44 9 it?

11:32:44 10 A. Yes.

11:32:44 11 Q. Do you know what happened in court
11:32:46 12 regarding that arrest?

11:32:48 13 A. The ultimate outcome of it was it was
11:32:53 14 reduced and an ACD was issued, and it went away on
11:32:58 15 the calendar, I guess.

11:33:02 16 Q. What police department arrested you?

11:33:03 17 A. City of Buffalo.

11:33:07 18 Q. Without going into every detail about
11:33:09 19 what happened, briefly, can you tell me what led up
11:33:11 20 to those charges? What type of arrest was it?

11:33:16 21 A. Oh, it was an arrest at 33 Schmarbeck,
11:33:22 22 and it was a trespass.

11:33:36 23 Q. Was it trespass on your own property?

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11:33:41 1 A. I can't answer that. I don't know how
11:33:42 2 to answer that.

11:33:44 3 Q. What caused the police to get involved?

11:33:49 4 A. Oh, they were summoned there.

11:33:51 5 Q. Do you know who called the police?

11:33:55 6 A. Mr. Calderone is his name.

11:33:58 7 Q. Was that a tenant of yours?

11:34:00 8 A. No, he was not a tenant at 33 Schmarbeck.
11:34:03 9 He was dating my daughter at the time.

11:34:07 10 Q. Did you have any sort of physical
11:34:08 11 altercation with him?

11:34:09 12 A. I think he claimed one.

11:34:17 13 Q. Any other arrests aside from this one
11:34:20 14 in 2005?

11:34:21 15 A. Not in ten years, no.

11:34:22 16 Q. Have you ever been issued a summons or
11:34:24 17 desk appearance ticket by the police department?

11:34:26 18 A. On January 1st, the instant matter.

11:34:31 19 Q. Were you given a desk appearance
11:34:35 20 ticket?

11:34:35 21 Do you know what it was exactly that you
11:34:37 22 were given?

11:34:38 23 A. It was an appearance ticket, but I

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11:34:41 1 wasn't released.

11:34:44 2 Q. Do you have any prior bankruptcies?

11:34:46 3 A. No. I've never filed bankruptcy.

11:34:49 4 Q. Any military service?

11:34:51 5 A. None.

11:34:53 6 Q. Do you recall what day of the week

11:34:54 7 January 1st, 2017 was?

11:34:57 8 A. No.

11:34:59 9 Q. Do you recall what time you woke up

11:35:01 10 that day?

11:35:05 11 A. About 8 o'clock, 9 o'clock.

11:35:06 12 Q. Where were you when you woke up that

11:35:07 13 day?

11:35:08 14 A. 33 Schmarbeck. I was in the shop,

11:35:12 15 sleeping in a chair.

11:35:17 16 Q. What time did this incident that we're

11:35:19 17 here to talk about today occur?

11:35:20 18 A. It was about -- I'm going to say

11:35:23 19 between 10 o'clock in the morning and 11.

11:35:25 20 Q. Did you consume any drugs or alcohol

11:35:27 21 within the 24 hours leading up to that --

11:35:30 22 A. No.

11:35:31 23 Q. -- incident?

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11:35:31 1 A. No.

11:35:36 2 Q. Did you have breakfast --

11:35:39 3 A. Yeah.

11:35:39 4 Q. -- on January 1st?

11:35:40 5 A. Yeah.

11:35:41 6 Q. Do you recall what you had for

11:35:42 7 breakfast?

11:35:43 8 A. Some kind of eggs. Just regular fare.

11:35:46 9 Eggs and bacon or something.

11:35:49 10 Q. Did you skip taking any medication that

11:35:51 11 you should have been taking on that day?

11:35:53 12 A. No. I don't take any medication at

11:36:00 13 all.

11:36:00 14 Q. And I said drugs and alcohol. Did you

11:36:02 15 take any prescription or other type of like

11:36:07 16 nonillegal drugs that day?

11:36:08 17 A. No. I don't take any drugs, legal or

11:36:10 18 illegal. I haven't drank since 1999.

11:36:20 19 Q. Well, what happened during this

11:36:21 20 incident?

11:36:23 21 A. Should I give a narrative?

11:36:28 22 Q. Yeah. I wasn't there. That's why I'm

11:36:30 23 asking you.

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11:36:31 1 A. Okay. All right. I'll give a narrative.
11:36:33 2 We're upstairs eating. Earl was there. We
11:36:37 3 were in Rachel's kitchen on the second floor. And
11:36:41 4 we had the three boys in highchairs, and we were
11:36:44 5 all eating.

11:36:45 6 And I can't remember whether it was Earl or
11:36:48 7 Rachel or me or somebody said, Mike's driving. And
11:36:54 8 I looked outside, and Mike Wolfe, the tenant in the
11:37:01 9 first floor at 33, had pulled up in a red van.

11:37:08 10 And I said, are you sure -- whoever it was,
11:37:11 11 I said, are you sure that's Mike who was driving?
11:37:14 12 And they said, yeah. And I said, well, Mike ain't
11:37:18 13 got a driver's license, and he don't own a van. So
11:37:20 14 Mike's driving that van?

11:37:21 15 Q. How do you know he doesn't have a
11:37:23 16 driver's license?

11:37:23 17 A. Because I had spoken to him probably
11:37:26 18 three or four weeks previous to this about him
11:37:30 19 cashing checks. He needed a place to cash checks.
11:37:33 20 I said, well, don't you have ID or a driver's
11:37:36 21 license or something? And he says, no.
11:37:37 22 He explained to me he didn't have a driver's
11:37:40 23 license.

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11:37:40 1 Q. Okay. Had you ever seen that red van
11:37:42 2 before?

11:37:42 3 A. No.

11:37:45 4 Q. What happened after you saw the van
11:37:47 5 pull up?

11:37:47 6 A. Well, first, I was concerned because
11:37:54 7 he -- it was recently he had been staying at -- I
11:38:04 8 want to say the Brothers of the Poor. It was a
11:38:10 9 social service agency. He had stayed there from
11:38:12 10 the 18th of December through about the 27th.

11:38:17 11 And when I found out about it, I contacted
11:38:20 12 them, and I said, why is he staying with you? He's
11:38:24 13 got a subsidized apartment at 33 Schmarbeck. They
11:38:28 14 didn't know.

11:38:29 15 Q. How did you come to know he was staying
11:38:30 16 there?

11:38:32 17 A. He wasn't staying at 33. I've lived
11:38:40 18 there for a decade. I can pretty well know when
11:38:43 19 somebody's not there. And I inquired. I asked
11:38:46 20 people. I said, where is Mike? They said, well, I
11:38:50 21 think he's over at the Little Brothers of the Poor
11:38:51 22 Friary or wherever he's at. I said, what's he
11:38:54 23 doing there?

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11:38:54 1 So I called them. They said, yeah. He's
11:38:57 2 been here for ten days claiming he's homeless. So
11:39:00 3 then I called the people that subsidize his rent,
11:39:02 4 the Restoration. They said, we need to all get on
11:39:06 5 the same page here.

11:39:06 6 Q. Did you ever have any disputes with
11:39:08 7 Mike about where he was living?

11:39:10 8 A. The only problem I ever had with Mike
11:39:13 9 was that he had -- he brought somebody else into
11:39:16 10 the apartment, and under the terms of, you know,
11:39:19 11 his tenancy there, it's not that kind of movie.
11:39:22 12 It's for him. If he wants somebody else to come
11:39:25 13 in, we need to have an application filled out from
11:39:28 14 them.

11:39:29 15 Q. Like was he subletting it and getting a
11:39:31 16 rent from it or just allowing someone to stay
11:39:33 17 there?

11:39:34 18 A. I don't know that deep of minutia. If
11:39:38 19 he was using it as a resource and trying to profit
11:39:40 20 from it, I don't know.

11:39:46 21 But it had been growing and growing and
11:39:49 22 growing out of hand, Mike's tenancy there, so we
11:39:53 23 had given him a 30-day notice on December 30th,

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11:39:58 1 after we had found out that he wasn't in the unit
11:40:02 2 and that he was staying over at the social service
11:40:04 3 agency and making these claims.

11:40:08 4 Q. Did that create any issues -- this
11:40:09 5 30-day notice create any issues between you and
11:40:11 6 Mike?

11:40:14 7 A. Nah, because we had talked, and I told
11:40:17 8 him: You know, you can't really do this here, you
11:40:20 9 know.

11:40:22 10 Q. All right. So what happened on
11:40:23 11 January 1st, when you saw that van?

11:40:26 12 A. I said, oh, well, I hope he doesn't
11:40:28 13 steal the appliances. Because we also furnish all
11:40:31 14 the appliances. The washer, the dryer the stove,
11:40:33 15 and the fringe. I said, just keep an eye on him,
11:40:36 16 and, you know, if he starts loading stuff into the
11:40:38 17 appliances -- he starts loading the appliances,
11:40:40 18 I'll call the cops.

11:40:41 19 Q. Who did you say that to?

11:40:43 20 A. I think Earl and Rachel.

11:40:44 21 Q. Okay. Did you have plans on January 1st?
11:40:49 22 Were you going to be home that day?

11:40:54 23 A. Yeah. No. I don't think we were going

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11:40:57 1 anywhere. I was just happy to have all the boys
11:41:02 2 home at once.

11:41:03 3 Q. What happened next?

11:41:05 4 A. I can't tell you how much time elapsed,
11:41:08 5 but I think it was less than a half hour,
11:41:11 6 a policeman pulled up right in front of
11:41:13 7 33 Schmarbeck.

11:41:14 8 Q. Did you ever call the police?

11:41:16 9 A. No. Well --

11:41:18 10 Q. Do you have an idea who called the
11:41:19 11 police?

11:41:21 12 A. I suspect Mike called the police. Mike
11:41:27 13 Wolfe.

11:41:27 14 Q. On January 1st, was Mike Wolfe still
11:41:30 15 permitted to be in that first floor unit?

11:41:34 16 A. You mean had he been evicted or locked
11:41:37 17 out? No.

11:41:37 18 Q. Right.

11:41:38 19 A. He hadn't been evicted. He hadn't been
11:41:40 20 locked out.

11:41:41 21 Q. Okay. What type of -- and I'm sorry.
11:41:48 22 I might have just -- you might have just said this.
11:41:51 23 When the police got there, how many police officers

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11:41:53 1 were there?

11:41:57 2 A. I think you have -- one of those video
11:42:00 3 files has that, their arrival.

11:42:04 4 The first police car I saw was in the center
11:42:06 5 of the street. That was the first one that
11:42:08 6 arrived. I looked at the video, so I know the
11:42:10 7 order in which they got there.

11:42:13 8 In the video you see the first policeman
11:42:15 9 pull up. He pulls up in the middle of the street.
11:42:18 10 And there were two men in that car.

11:42:22 11 Q. How were they dressed?

11:42:25 12 A. Like policemen.

11:42:27 13 Q. Were they wearing a uniform?

11:42:28 14 A. Yeah. Yeah.

11:42:31 15 Q. Without watching the video, did you --
11:42:35 16 did you see these things yourself that day?

11:42:37 17 A. When -- when it was brought to my
11:42:40 18 attention, I don't know if it was Rachel or I might
11:42:42 19 have looked out the window and seen it myself,
11:42:44 20 but: The police are here.

11:42:46 21 So I looked outside, and the first thing I
11:42:49 22 thought when I saw the police were here is: Well,
11:42:53 23 Mike's got a stolen car. The red van is stolen.

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11:43:00 1 Or he's been out driving recklessly with a borrowed
11:43:02 2 car and they've just found him. That was the first
11:43:06 3 thing I thought.

11:43:07 4 Q. What happened next?

11:43:12 5 A. The policeman in the driver's seat of
11:43:15 6 the car in the street got out of his car and he
11:43:18 7 walked over, and he got four feet away from Mike
11:43:22 8 and he talked to him. I don't know what they were
11:43:24 9 saying back and forth, but they had a conversation
11:43:28 10 for probably two minutes.

11:43:31 11 Q. Were you inside the house still at that
11:43:33 12 point?

11:43:33 13 A. Yeah. I was on the second floor
11:43:35 14 looking out the window watching. I was 60 feet
11:43:37 15 away watching.

11:43:38 16 Q. Okay. What happened next?

11:43:40 17 A. Either Earl or Rachel said: What's
11:43:44 18 going on down there? And I said, well, I don't
11:43:47 19 know, but I'm finishing breakfast before I go down
11:43:49 20 there to find out.

11:43:50 21 I'm not going to go rushing down there
11:43:52 22 because they might be arresting him. And I'm just
11:43:56 23 going to stand here for a minute and watch what

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11:43:59 1 happens.

11:44:00 2 So Mike was pointing up -- as he was talking
11:44:04 3 to the policeman, was pointing up at the window
11:44:07 4 where Rachel, me, and Earl were with the three kids
11:44:11 5 in the kitchen watching this whole thing.

11:44:13 6 Q. What happened next?

11:44:23 7 A. The policeman walks back over and
11:44:27 8 starts talking to the policeman who's still in the
11:44:30 9 car in the passenger seat. I don't know what was
11:44:36 10 said, but they were talking back and forth through
11:44:38 11 the window.

11:44:39 12 About that time another police car pulled up
11:44:45 13 along the curb between the police car in the street
11:44:53 14 and the curb, in a parking spot there, behind this
11:44:56 15 red van that Mike had pulled up in.

11:45:00 16 Q. Did there come a time when you left
11:45:02 17 your house? Exited your house?

11:45:05 18 A. Yeah. About this time when all these
11:45:07 19 police cars were arriving, I said to Rachel or
11:45:10 20 Earl, I said, we've got to go down there and find
11:45:12 21 out what's going on.

11:45:15 22 So we finished breakfast, and then I asked
11:45:19 23 Earl to come down with me. I said, let's go find

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11:45:22 1 out what's going on.

11:45:25 2 Q. What happened when you went outside?

11:45:27 3 A. I walked out of the house, down the
11:45:38 4 steps, out in the street, crossed the path of the
11:45:44 5 police car that was in the front -- that was in the
11:45:47 6 middle of the street, and went around like to his
11:45:49 7 driver's door to talk to the driver who had been
11:45:55 8 speaking to Mike.

11:45:56 9 There was a secondary thing here too as well
11:45:59 10 as maybe it's a stolen car. Mike's a mental health
11:46:03 11 patient, so he could have been in crisis. There
11:46:05 12 was no telling what was going on with him. So --
11:46:08 13 and when that happens, you've got to go find out.

11:46:12 14 Q. So when you walked up by the police in
11:46:15 15 front of the car, did you say anything or identify
11:46:18 16 yourself at all to the police?

11:46:20 17 A. Yeah. As I was walking toward the
11:46:21 18 police car off to the right, I said, I need to talk
11:46:27 19 to you. Can I talk to you?

11:46:29 20 Q. Did the police respond at all?

11:46:32 21 A. The officer who was in the passenger
11:46:35 22 side started yelling.

11:46:38 23 Q. From which police car?

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11:46:40 1 A. The one that was in the middle of the
11:46:41 2 street.

11:46:42 3 Q. Okay. What did they yell?

11:46:47 4 A. He started yelling: I'm not talking to
11:46:49 5 anybody. I'm not talking to anybody. Let's get
11:46:52 6 out of here. Let's get out of here.

11:46:54 7 He started telling the guy that was driving:
11:46:57 8 We've got to leave. We're leaving now. We're
11:46:59 9 leaving now. He said, I'm not talking to anybody.
11:47:02 10 Let's go. Let's go.

11:47:04 11 And he started yelling at the guy that was
11:47:05 12 driving the car to let's go.

11:47:08 13 Q. How close were you to the car at that
11:47:19 14 point?

11:47:19 15 A. Honest to God, I can't remember
11:47:22 16 specifically. I know I was within 30 feet.

11:47:27 17 Q. Sure. Do you know, were you in front
11:47:29 18 of the car or on the side of the car?

11:47:30 19 A. When he started yelling, I was in front
11:47:32 20 of the car to the side.

11:47:35 21 Q. Would that have been to the right or
11:47:38 22 left side of the car?

11:47:39 23 A. It would have been the driver's side.

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11:47:40 1 I was off to the driver's side.

11:47:41 2 Q. Okay. So you're standing there I
11:47:44 3 presume facing the car?

11:47:45 4 A. Yeah.

11:47:46 5 Q. Were you walking towards the car still
11:47:48 6 at that point?

11:47:49 7 A. Yeah.

11:47:50 8 Q. What happened next?

11:47:54 9 A. The driver floored it, so I got out of
11:47:59 10 the way and watched him drive by me. And the two
11:48:03 11 women who were still in the police car by the
11:48:06 12 curb --

11:48:06 13 Q. The one behind the red van?

11:48:08 14 A. Yeah. I looked over at them, and I
11:48:11 15 said, can I talk to you?

11:48:13 16 Q. Did they respond?

11:48:15 17 A. She smiled at me.

11:48:18 18 Q. Who's she?

11:48:19 19 A. The driver.

11:48:20 20 Q. What did she look like?

11:48:24 21 A. You. I'm telling the truth. She
11:48:29 22 looked just like you.

11:48:30 23 Q. Did you ever come to learn her name?

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11:48:33 1 A. I have to be quite frank, I can't put
11:48:36 2 their names with their faces.

11:48:38 3 Q. Okay. Did you ever come to learn the
11:48:42 4 names of the police officers that were involved
11:48:43 5 that day?

11:48:45 6 A. Later on, from the criminal charging
11:48:49 7 documents, I was able to find out who four of them
11:48:52 8 were.

11:48:53 9 Q. How many police officers were there
11:48:55 10 then total?

11:48:56 11 A. There were -- there were five
11:48:59 12 altogether. One didn't arrive until later.

11:49:07 13 Q. When this happened, the interaction you
11:49:09 14 had with the first car pulling away and then the
11:49:12 15 second one with the two females in it, there's a
11:49:15 16 total of four officers there at that point?

11:49:17 17 A. Yeah, there's four people there then.

11:49:19 18 Q. And you said there was -- I apologize
11:49:21 19 if you said this before -- there were two males and
11:49:23 20 two females?

11:49:25 21 A. Yeah. The first two were guys and the
11:49:26 22 second two were girls.

11:49:28 23 Q. Did they ever identify themselves to

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11:49:31 1 you at all?

11:49:31 2 A. No. I don't think anybody said, my
11:49:33 3 name is Officer -- no, nobody ever did that. I
11:49:36 4 know nobody ever did that.

11:49:36 5 Q. Okay. After that female police officer
11:49:39 6 who was in the driver's seat smiled at you, what
11:49:42 7 happened next?

11:49:43 8 A. I said, can I talk to you? And she
11:49:46 9 looked over and smiled at me. I took two steps
11:49:50 10 toward the car, was crossing that lane of traffic
11:49:54 11 where the officer had just driven away, I was
11:49:58 12 crossing that, and when I looked up, the car was
11:50:00 13 coming at me.

11:50:03 14 Q. Did you move to get out of the way?

11:50:06 15 A. I put up my arms, and I closed my eyes,
11:50:10 16 and boom, it hit me.

11:50:14 17 Q. How long did that take?

11:50:16 18 What was the period of time between that
11:50:18 19 female driver looking at you and smiling and to you
11:50:21 20 getting hit?

11:50:23 21 A. The time it took me to cross that lane
11:50:25 22 of traffic. Three to five seconds, I guess.

11:50:28 23 Q. Why did you walk towards the car?

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11:50:30 1 A. Because I thought she was going to talk
11:50:32 2 to me.

11:50:32 3 Q. Did she roll down her window?

11:50:35 4 A. No, but she acknowledged me, and I know
11:50:39 5 she heard me when I said, can I talk to you? And
11:50:42 6 she looked and went -- she smiled. I know that
11:50:45 7 won't go into the transcript, but she smiled, and I
11:50:48 8 took it as an acknowledgement that she was going to
11:50:50 9 talk to me.

11:50:51 10 Q. That somehow she was going to engage in
11:50:53 11 some sort of conversation with you?

11:50:54 12 A. Yeah. She was going to tell me why
11:50:56 13 they were there or what had gone on or what their
11:50:59 14 concern was at being at --

11:51:01 15 Q. Did she say anything verbally to you?

11:51:05 16 A. Not before she hit me.

11:51:07 17 Q. What happened after you were struck?

11:51:13 18 Actually, let me ask you this: Where were
11:51:15 19 you struck on your body?

11:51:20 20 A. I think primarily my hands, because I
11:51:24 21 put my arms out. I'm not sure if my torso or my
11:51:33 22 legs ever came in contact with that car, but I --

11:51:37 23 Q. Did you try to stop the car from

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11:51:39 1 moving?

11:51:39 2 A. No. I tried to like just -- that's
11:51:41 3 what I did. I just put my hands up and said, oh,
11:51:44 4 Christ. In my head I said, oh, Christ. I'm going
11:51:47 5 to get hit by a car.

11:51:49 6 Q. Yeah. The record should reflect you've
11:51:52 7 raised both of your hands with your palms and
11:51:53 8 fingers spread out --

11:51:55 9 A. Yes.

11:51:55 10 Q. -- in front of you.

11:51:57 11 What happened after you were struck?

11:52:05 12 A. I remember opening my eyes and being on
11:52:10 13 my back on the ground. I remember looking down at
11:52:16 14 my feet, and my feet were between the back wheels
11:52:20 15 and the front wheels of her patrol car.

11:52:27 16 Q. Under her car?

11:52:27 17 A. Yes, my feet were under her car. How
11:52:31 18 deep under her car, I don't know.

11:52:33 19 Q. What type of car was this?

11:52:41 20 A. It wasn't like a car. It was more like
11:52:44 21 an SUV.

11:52:48 22 Q. Did it have any police markings on it?

11:52:50 23 A. Yeah. It was all marked. Yeah. They

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11:52:54 1 mark them historically so if you need one, you can
11:52:56 2 walk up and you know who to talk to.

11:52:58 3 Q. What happened when you opened your eyes
11:53:00 4 and you were on the ground?

11:53:01 5 A. The first thing I thought of is:
11:53:05 6 She's going to run over my legs. And I got out --
11:53:08 7 like tried to roll on my side to get out from
11:53:11 8 underneath the police car.

11:53:13 9 I'm still on the -- I'm flat on my back, but
11:53:16 10 I'm I don't know why I want to say cartwheeling,
11:53:19 11 trying to just crawl out from underneath the car,
11:53:21 12 because I was afraid she was going to run over my
11:53:23 13 legs.

11:53:23 14 Q. Were you bleeding at all?

11:53:24 15 A. Not that I remember.

11:53:26 16 Q. Did you say anything?

11:53:28 17 A. Yeah. I yelled for Earl. I thought
11:53:32 18 Earl was right behind me. I thought Earl was like,
11:53:35 19 you know, four feet away, and I yelled for Earl.

11:53:38 20 Q. What did you say?

11:53:39 21 A. Earl, call an ambulance. She done run
11:53:41 22 me over.

11:53:41 23 Q. Were you swearing?

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11:53:52 1 A. I'm not sure.

11:53:53 2 Q. Did you say anything to the police?

11:54:01 3 A. No. I just yelled for Earl initially.

11:54:06 4 Q. Did the police stop?

11:54:13 5 A. It seemed like a while -- I'm trying to
11:54:16 6 continue the narrative. So we get to that point.
11:54:18 7 It seemed like a while, but Earl said, Dad. I
11:54:21 8 said, yeah, call an ambulance. And I -- I think
11:54:32 9 he -- I think he left. I'm not sure, but I told
11:54:35 10 Earl to call an ambulance.

11:54:37 11 And when I started to get up -- when I
11:54:39 12 started to get up off the ground, at that point I'm
11:54:42 13 looking not at the police car anymore. I'm looking
11:54:45 14 straight down Schmarbeck toward Schlenker, and
11:54:50 15 there's a police car down there at the stop sign.

11:54:52 16 That was the first police car that had left.
11:54:54 17 They went down as far as the stop sign at Schlenker
11:54:58 18 and stopped and that's what I saw when I looked
11:55:00 19 down the street.

11:55:01 20 But as I was getting up and I saw that, I
11:55:03 21 felt a pain in the back of my head, and I said, oh,
11:55:09 22 and that's when I went back down. I said, I'm not
11:55:12 23 moving. There's something wrong.

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11:55:13 1 Q. So you laid back down on the ground?

11:55:15 2 A. Yeah. I didn't get up off the ground.

11:55:17 3 I just kind of leaned forward a little bit and
11:55:19 4 that's when it hit me and went, boom. And I went:

11:55:23 5 Uh-oh. Never mind. I'm not getting up. I'm just
11:55:26 6 going to lay here.

11:55:27 7 Q. So was it in the same spot on the road?

11:55:30 8 A. Yes.

11:55:30 9 Q. What happened next?

11:55:33 10 A. Just laid there and yelled until Earl
11:55:36 11 came, and then Earl said, okay. Okay. And I don't
11:55:39 12 know if he left. The video shows that he left, but
11:55:42 13 I didn't know that at the time.

11:55:44 14 I thought he was still standing with me, and
11:55:47 15 I just tried to lay there on the ground and not
11:55:49 16 move around a lot and figure out what was going on.

11:55:51 17 Q. And did the police come over at all?

11:55:55 18 A. The first communication I remember
11:55:57 19 having with the police, after I hit the ground, was
11:56:01 20 the girl that was driving looking down at me
11:56:05 21 standing on her hips -- standing there with her
11:56:08 22 hands on her hips saying, if you don't get up off
11:56:10 23 the ground, I'm going to arrest you.

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11:56:14 1 Q. Okay. Did you say anything back to

11:56:15 2 her?

11:56:20 3 A. I don't remember.

11:56:29 4 Q. Did you ever yell at the police that

11:56:30 5 day?

11:56:36 6 A. Not unjustly.

11:56:37 7 Q. What did you yell at the police?

11:56:39 8 A. Well, we had some choice conversation

11:56:41 9 when they got me to ECMC.

11:56:43 10 Q. Let's just stay with in front of

11:56:45 11 Schmarbeck right now.

11:56:46 12 A. I didn't -- I can't remember yelling at

11:56:48 13 the police. I was more concerned with where Earl

11:56:50 14 was and getting to the hospital, getting to a

11:56:53 15 doctor.

11:56:53 16 Q. Yeah. Aside from that pain to the back

11:56:56 17 of your head, any other injuries that you noticed

11:56:57 18 while you were --

11:56:58 19 A. Laying on the ground?

11:57:00 20 Q. Sure.

11:57:01 21 A. No. That was my biggest complaint.

11:57:03 22 Q. Any broken bones or anything that you

11:57:05 23 could visibly see while you were there in front of

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11:57:11 1 Schmarbeck?

11:57:12 2 A. No.

11:57:20 3 Q. What was the weather like that day?

11:57:20 4 A. It was January 1st in Buffalo. I want
11:57:26 5 to say it was kind of clear. I don't think it was
11:57:28 6 like snowy or anything.

11:57:29 7 Q. Did you have a jacket on when you went
11:57:31 8 outside?

11:57:37 9 A. I think I had a North Face jacket on
11:57:39 10 maybe.

11:57:39 11 Q. Do you remember what you were wearing
11:57:41 12 for shoes?

11:57:43 13 A. Yeah. Kenneth Cole.

11:57:48 14 Q. Were they boots or dress shoes?

11:57:51 15 A. No. They were dress shoes.

11:57:54 16 Q. Is it possible that you slipped on any
11:57:56 17 ice that day?

11:57:59 18 A. There was no ice in the street.

11:58:16 19 Q. Did you -- were you able to like see
11:58:18 20 that SUV after the accident?

11:58:24 21 A. You mean the one that hit me?

11:58:26 22 Q. Yes.

11:58:31 23 A. Once I hit the ground and my head, I

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11:58:36 1 wasn't paying too much attention to nothing.

11:58:38 2 Q. So you wouldn't know if there was
11:58:40 3 damage or not to that vehicle?

11:58:46 4 A. I don't see how there could have been.

11:58:49 5 Q. Do you know if there was?

11:58:53 6 A. I don't think there was, no.

11:58:54 7 Q. Did your clothes get damaged or torn up
11:58:57 8 in any way from the accident?

11:59:06 9 A. No, I don't think so.

11:59:06 10 Q. What happened after that officer said,
11:59:11 11 if you don't get up, you're going to get arrested?

11:59:19 12 A. I know what I've learned from the
11:59:24 13 video, which is the two male officers that were
11:59:27 14 down at the stop sign backed up the street, stopped
11:59:31 15 in front of 37, and got out of their car. Then
11:59:35 16 they --

11:59:36 17 Q. Do you have any independent recollection
11:59:37 18 of that?

11:59:37 19 A. No. I just laid on the ground with my
11:59:39 20 eyes closed and my head hurt.

11:59:41 21 Q. Okay. What's the next recollection you
11:59:44 22 have aside from what you know from viewing the
11:59:46 23 video?

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11:59:48 1 A. 38 seconds after I got hit by the car,
11:59:50 2 the two male officers picked me up, and with the
11:59:54 3 assistance of the one female officer that had hit
11:59:57 4 me, put me in handcuffs and pushed me down the
12:00:02 5 street to 37 with my hands behind me and put me in
12:00:08 6 a patrol car.

12:00:08 7 Q. What kind of handcuffs were they? Were
12:00:12 8 they metal or plastic?

12:00:12 9 A. They were behind me. I didn't see
12:00:14 10 them. But they weren't plastic zip ties. They
12:00:17 11 were metal of some kind.

12:00:19 12 Q. Were you ever informed that you were
12:00:20 13 being arrested?

12:00:25 14 A. You mean did any of the three police
12:00:27 15 officers who put their hands on me say, you're
12:00:30 16 under arrest?

12:00:31 17 Q. Did they ever say that?

12:00:39 18 A. I don't recall if any officer ever said
12:00:41 19 that to me at any time on January 1st.

12:00:47 20 Q. Are you aware that -- if anyone called
12:00:50 21 the police to complain about you or would -- made a
12:00:55 22 report that would cause you to be arrested?

12:01:00 23 A. Not on January 1st, no.

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12:01:04 1 Q. Did the police say anything to you when
12:01:06 2 they were picking you up and putting you in
12:01:09 3 handcuffs?

12:01:10 4 A. Yeah.

12:01:10 5 Q. What did they say?

12:01:11 6 A. You're going to jail.

12:01:14 7 Q. Did you say anything back to that?

12:01:18 8 A. Not at that point.

12:01:19 9 Q. Had you said anything while they were
12:01:23 10 picking you up?

12:01:24 11 A. Not that I recall. It didn't happen --
12:01:29 12 it happened so fast, it didn't give me a whole lot
12:01:33 13 of time to think.

12:01:35 14 Q. What happened -- how did the police
12:01:38 15 officers pick you up?

12:01:46 16 A. I'm pretty sure they rolled me over
12:01:49 17 because I was laying on my back. I'm pretty sure
12:01:51 18 they rolled me over.

12:01:52 19 Q. Do you have a recollection of that, or
12:01:53 20 are you just saying that from the video?

12:01:55 21 A. No. From my viewing of the video, you
12:01:57 22 can't see this. There's a car between the camera
12:02:02 23 and me laying on the ground. But I remember

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12:02:10 1 getting hoisted up off the ground. That's the best
12:02:13 2 way I can describe that.

12:02:15 3 It's like roll you over, put the handcuffs
12:02:18 4 on, and then grab you by the handcuffs by the
12:02:21 5 wrists, and lift you up.

12:02:23 6 Q. Did they lift you to your feet or carry
12:02:25 7 you?

12:02:26 8 A. They lifted me to my feet and then they
12:02:28 9 started pushing me down the street, like if you
12:02:31 10 don't walk, you're going to fall on your face now.

12:02:33 11 Q. Were you able to walk?

12:02:37 12 A. Yeah.

12:02:38 13 Q. And they took you to another police --
12:02:42 14 that other -- that first police car?

12:02:44 15 A. Yeah. They took me to where the two
12:02:46 16 males had parked their police car in front of 37.

12:02:49 17 Q. Were you saying anything to the police
12:02:51 18 during that walk?

12:02:51 19 A. No, not at all.

12:03:04 20 Q. Once you were put in that police car,
12:03:11 21 what happened next?

12:03:11 22 A. The time in the back of the police
12:03:14 23 car -- the time frames in between things happening

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12:03:17 1 back there, I still can't figure that out.

12:03:22 2 I know what happened when I was in the back
12:03:24 3 of the police car, but I don't know if it was two
12:03:26 4 minutes after I got in the back of the police car
12:03:28 5 or 12 minutes after I got in the back of the police
12:03:30 6 car.

12:03:31 7 But I can tell you I got -- I got put in the
12:03:36 8 passenger side, and about -- I want to guess about
12:03:41 9 three minutes after I was in the car, one of the
12:03:50 10 two male officers stuck his head in the window.

12:03:53 11 Q. The front or the back windows?

12:03:55 12 A. The passenger -- the passenger front.
12:03:57 13 Like he was getting in to where his computer was.
12:04:01 14 And he said, you're going to jail. And I said, for
12:04:07 15 what? And he said, fraud.

12:04:10 16 Q. Did you ask him what he meant by that?

12:04:16 17 A. No.

12:04:19 18 Q. Did you say anything back to him?

12:04:21 19 A. No.

12:04:23 20 Q. So you were silent during this whole
12:04:25 21 period of time?

12:04:25 22 A. Yeah. I was all lawyered up when I hit
12:04:27 23 the ground.

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12:04:29 1 Q. Like you told them you have a lawyer
12:04:31 2 and you didn't want to speak to them?

12:04:32 3 A. No. I -- that was facetious of me.
12:04:37 4 No. The whole thing, getting arrested after
12:04:40 5 getting hit by a police car, seemed absolutely
12:04:43 6 ludicrous to me, and I didn't want to entertain
12:04:48 7 this nut.

12:04:48 8 Q. All right. What -- what -- did you
12:04:50 9 ever give the police any ID or identify yourself to
12:04:53 10 them? Did they ever ask for that?

12:05:05 11 A. No. I can tell you how they knew who I
12:05:10 12 was.

12:05:10 13 When they were putting me in the back of
12:05:12 14 that police car, they quickly patted me down, and
12:05:16 15 the only thing that I had brought out of the house
12:05:19 16 with me in my pockets, I'm pretty sure, was a cell
12:05:23 17 phone and the 30-day notice that we had given Mike
12:05:28 18 on the 30th, in case anybody wanted to know what
12:05:30 19 was going on, because I'm still worried that he's
12:05:33 20 trying to boost the appliances or he needs Crisis
12:05:39 21 Services or something.

12:05:40 22 Q. Okay. So at this point did you know
12:05:43 23 where Earl was?

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12:05:45 1 A. I thought Earl was with me the whole
12:05:48 2 time. I didn't -- I didn't know Earl had left to
12:05:53 3 get his phone and come back until after I saw the
12:05:56 4 video later on.

12:05:57 5 Q. Okay.

12:05:58 6 A. I thought that when I was in the police
12:06:00 7 car, I kind of looked out of the police car to my
12:06:03 8 right toward 37 and I saw Earl there.

12:06:07 9 Q. Were you laying in the back of the
12:06:09 10 police car or were you seated?

12:06:13 11 A. Both. At one point after -- after they
12:06:21 12 rousted Earl -- I'm going to use that term -- after
12:06:23 13 they --

12:06:24 14 Q. What do you mean by rousted?

12:06:27 15 A. Abused him.

12:06:29 16 Q. Did you see that happen?

12:06:32 17 A. Most of it.

12:06:33 18 Q. What did you see happen?

12:06:38 19 A. I saw them drag him out in the street.
12:06:41 20 The two of them pushing back and forth, and the
12:06:44 21 four of them essentially ganged up on him and
12:06:46 22 started barking at him.

12:06:47 23 Q. Could you hear what was being said?

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12:06:53 1 A. Parts of it.

12:06:54 2 Q. What did you hear?

12:07:02 3 A. I heard him tell him to turn off the
12:07:04 4 phone, and I heard him -- I'm pretty sure it was
12:07:12 5 the officer that was in the passenger side of the
12:07:15 6 police car again, he made remarks like: You'll be
12:07:24 7 lucky to get it back at all. Or something like
12:07:27 8 that.

12:07:27 9 Q. Was this the same police officer
12:07:28 10 talking the entire time?

12:07:33 11 A. Not when they were abusing Earl in the
12:07:36 12 street. There was the two male officers did most
12:07:40 13 of that, and the female officer, she just kind of
12:07:42 14 sat there like a dog being protected.

12:07:45 15 MR. OSTROWSKI: I hate to interrupt. I've
12:07:47 16 got to take a parking meter break.

12:07:50 17 MS. HUGGINS: Sure.

12:07:50 18 MR. OSTROWSKI: Ten minutes?

12:07:51 19 MS. HUGGINS: Yeah. That's fine.

12:07:52 20 Absolutely.

12:23:48 21 (A recess was then taken.)

12:23:48 22 BY MS. HUGGINS:

12:23:48 23 Q. Did you say anything while the police

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12:23:50 1 were interacting with Earl?

12:24:00 2 A. To intervene, no.

12:24:02 3 I did shout from the police car at one point
12:24:07 4 while I was in it. While I was sitting there in
12:24:12 5 the police car, yeah, I did shout once.

12:24:13 6 Q. What did you shout?

12:24:16 7 A. Rachel was in the window in the second
12:24:19 8 floor in the front watching all this, and she said,
12:24:22 9 Jimmy, what do I do?

12:24:24 10 Q. She shouted from the window?

12:24:26 11 A. Yeah. And I said, call Ostrowski and
12:24:36 12 Dom. Dominic Saraceno's another lawyer. I said,
12:24:40 13 call the lawyers.

12:24:41 14 That's what I yelled up at her.

12:24:44 15 Q. Was Mr. Ostrowski already a lawyer you
12:24:47 16 had previously used?

12:24:47 17 A. I had known Jim from the Ron Paul 2008,
12:24:59 18 2012 campaign. And I had known Dominic from Family
12:25:02 19 Court years ago.

12:25:06 20 Q. The car was positioned in a way that
12:25:20 21 you were able to shout and have a conversation
12:25:21 22 between the house and the car?

12:25:22 23 A. No. The police car was pointed toward

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12:25:26 1 Schlenker, and the passenger's front window was
12:25:33 2 down, and there's a tree right in front of 37,
12:25:39 3 which was next to the car, and then there's a
12:25:43 4 porch, and there's two upstairs windows, and she
12:25:45 5 was in the upstairs windows where the babies -- the
12:25:48 6 twins' cribs are.

12:25:49 7 And she was watching, and I think she was
12:25:52 8 crying, and she said, what do I do? And I yelled
12:25:57 9 up -- because she said, Jimmy, what do I do? And I
12:26:00 10 yelled up: Call Ostrowski and Dominic.

12:26:05 11 Q. Did you ever yell anything specifically
12:26:07 12 at the police during this period of time?

12:26:09 13 A. No. Never.

12:26:10 14 Q. Did you ever swear or curse --

12:26:13 15 A. No.

12:26:13 16 Q. -- at this point?

12:26:14 17 A. No.

12:26:15 18 Q. Did you ever threaten the police at
12:26:17 19 all?

12:26:17 20 A. No.

12:26:18 21 Q. What happened next?

12:26:27 22 A. Earl disappeared, and I think I laid
12:26:36 23 down in the car because my head hurt. Earl went in

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12:26:43 1 the house.

12:26:44 2 Q. Did there come a time when you were
12:26:45 3 taken away from 33 Schmarbeck by the police?

12:26:54 4 A. Where the car was parked in front of
12:26:57 5 37, yeah. It seemed like a half hour. The whole
12:27:02 6 thing is on the video, though, from this period
12:27:06 7 when I'm sitting in the back of the police car.

12:27:11 8 At some point they got in -- the two male
12:27:13 9 officers got in and --

12:27:16 10 Q. To the car you mean?

12:27:17 11 A. Yeah. And shut the door and --

12:27:22 12 Q. Did they have any conversation with you
12:27:24 13 in the car?

12:27:29 14 A. When they got into the car, I sat back
12:27:31 15 up, and the one was fiddling with the computer, and
12:27:40 16 they didn't -- they didn't say anything to me like
12:27:44 17 address me. They seemed to be talking to each
12:27:46 18 other.

12:27:47 19 Q. Could you hear what they were saying?

12:27:52 20 A. It was not important enough for me to
12:27:54 21 remember it, but when I laid back down, the officer
12:27:59 22 that was in the passenger seat said, oh, I see how
12:28:03 23 you want to play this. Okay.

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12:28:09 1 Q. Did you say anything in response?

12:28:11 2 A. No.

12:28:13 3 Q. What did you take that to mean?

12:28:28 4 A. It was a reflection of his character.

12:28:30 5 A negative reflection of his character.

12:28:32 6 Q. What happened next?

12:28:39 7 A. They drove me to ECMC.

12:28:40 8 Q. Did you ever ask for medical assistance
12:28:43 9 while you were on Schmarbeck?

12:28:47 10 Am I saying that street right?

12:28:49 11 A. Schmarbeck.

12:28:51 12 Q. Schmarbeck.

12:28:51 13 A. It's like the city in Germany.

12:28:53 14 Yeah. I asked Earl to call an ambulance
12:28:55 15 a couple of times.

12:28:56 16 Q. Did you ever ask the police for any
12:28:57 17 medical treatment?

12:28:58 18 A. The police were aware that I had asked
12:29:02 19 Earl. They were standing there, I think. And at
12:29:07 20 one point when they were brutalizing Earl, he told
12:29:12 21 them: I'm calling an ambulance for Dad.

12:29:15 22 Q. Did you ever complain of the pain to
12:29:18 23 your head to the police officers on the scene?

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12:29:20 1 A. Yeah. They knew I was injured.

12:29:21 2 Q. Did you say that to them?

12:29:24 3 A. When I was on the ground I said, Earl,
12:29:28 4 I hit my head, and my head hurts. Call an
12:29:31 5 ambulance.

12:29:31 6 I remember that.

12:29:32 7 Q. Did you ever direct any requests for
12:29:34 8 medical attention specifically to the police?

12:29:39 9 A. They didn't give me any opportunity and
12:29:41 10 they didn't ask me.

12:29:42 11 Q. And you didn't say anything to them
12:29:44 12 like: I need to go to the hospital, or my head
12:29:46 13 hurts?

12:29:47 14 A. Once I was -- once I was in handcuffs,
12:29:50 15 there was little to be said to them that was going
12:29:52 16 to have any positive effect.

12:29:54 17 Q. So you decided not to ask them for
12:29:55 18 medical help or treatment?

12:29:57 19 A. No. They decided not to render aid.

12:30:01 20 Q. Did you ask them for aid?

12:30:04 21 A. They were present when I asked Earl to
12:30:06 22 call the ambulance. Yes. They knew that I needed
12:30:09 23 to see --

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12:30:09 1 Q. The answer is no, you didn't

12:30:11 2 specifically ask the police officers?

12:30:12 3 A. We didn't have any conversation.

12:30:13 4 Q. Okay.

12:30:14 5 A. It was: You're going to jail. Get you

12:30:17 6 up off the ground. Put you in a police car.

12:30:21 7 Q. So at no point did you say, I need to

12:30:24 8 go to the hospital right now, right?

12:30:26 9 A. I might have. I don't have a specific

12:30:30 10 recollection of that.

12:30:32 11 Q. So the police take you to ECMC. Were

12:30:36 12 you examined by a doctor or a physician's assistant

12:30:40 13 there?

12:30:40 14 A. I remember getting out of the car at

12:30:42 15 ECMC, and they took me in the emergency room. I

12:30:46 16 don't remember walking down the hallway in the

12:30:48 17 emergency room.

12:30:52 18 The gospel truth, I don't remember -- from

12:30:56 19 the time the doors opened in the emergency room, I

12:30:58 20 don't even remember how I got in the room.

12:31:00 21 Q. You mentioned earlier you had choice

12:31:02 22 words when at the hospital. What did you mean?

12:31:05 23 A. Yeah. That happened -- that happened

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12:31:07 1 after I was in -- in the -- there's an examining
12:31:13 2 room I guess they use for prisoners that's all the
12:31:16 3 way at the end of the hall, and when I was down
12:31:18 4 there in the examining room, they wanted to
12:31:21 5 orchestrate my care, the two female officers and
12:31:25 6 the two male officers. They wanted to involve
12:31:28 7 themselves in the collection of forensic evidence.

12:31:32 8 Q. What do you mean by that?

12:31:33 9 A. Well, they were telling the doctors and
12:31:36 10 the nurses that I had jumped out in front of the
12:31:39 11 police car. One said I had jumped on the police
12:31:42 12 car.

12:31:44 13 At one point one of these four officers that
12:31:46 14 were there in the emergency room said, yeah, he
12:31:49 15 attacked our police car.

12:31:52 16 Q. It's the same four that were there on
12:31:53 17 the street?

12:31:54 18 A. Yeah.

12:31:54 19 Q. Okay. Did you ever talk to any medical
12:31:59 20 professionals there about what happened?

12:32:02 21 A. Yeah.

12:32:02 22 Q. What did you tell them?

12:32:10 23 A. I identified the woman that was driving

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12:32:12 1 because I could do that. And I said, that one
12:32:15 2 right there, she hit me with a police car, and all
12:32:19 3 four of them are lying about it.

12:32:22 4 Q. What specifically were they lying
12:32:24 5 about?

12:32:26 6 A. Their inference to the staff at ECMC
12:32:28 7 that whatever had happened was my fault. They had
12:32:32 8 a narrative, and they were going to create it, and
12:32:36 9 they were going to get everybody else at ECMC that
12:32:42 10 gets there hundred million dollars from the county
12:32:44 11 in loan guarantees that has the only CPAP unit in
12:32:49 12 the county, they were going to get the people at
12:32:51 13 ECMC to go along with them.

12:32:54 14 Q. Well, did you hear anything being said
12:32:56 15 to that effect?

12:32:58 16 A. Yeah. There was -- the first nurse at
12:33:03 17 ECMC, I don't know her name -- I'd recognize her --
12:33:08 18 but I heard her having this conversation to that
12:33:11 19 effect out in the hallway. And the first thing she
12:33:13 20 said when she walked in to see me was: What's
12:33:18 21 wrong with you? Why did you jump on a police car?

12:33:22 22 And from then on out, I realized that this
12:33:30 23 is -- whatever was going on here is just -- they're

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12:33:33 1 inventing it as they go. There's not a whole lot
12:33:39 2 to be said to these people other than: I don't
12:33:42 3 want that nurse involved in my care.

12:33:44 4 Q. Were you admitted into the hospital?

12:33:46 5 A. I was in the emergency room. I was --
12:33:50 6 I had one hand cuffed to the bed I was on. The
12:33:57 7 right one.

12:33:58 8 Q. So were you admitted, or were you just
12:34:01 9 treated in the emergency room?

12:34:02 10 A. I don't know the minutia of how --
12:34:04 11 whether -- you mean you've got to go up to a floor?

12:34:07 12 Q. Did you stay overnight?

12:34:10 13 A. I think I was there about four hours.
12:34:12 14 I think I was -- they use a police term, it's
12:34:16 15 called cleared for booking. That's not a legal
12:34:18 16 term or a medical term. It's a term the police
12:34:22 17 have invented. I was cleared for booking, and I
12:34:26 18 think it took about four or five hours.

12:34:28 19 Q. Did you receive any diagnostic testing
12:34:30 20 while you were there, like x-rays or CAT scans?
12:34:32 21 Anything of that sort?

12:34:35 22 A. Can I read from a piece of paper to
12:34:38 23 tell you what they did or --

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12:34:39 1 Q. Well --

12:34:40 2 A. -- no?

12:34:41 3 Q. -- I can get authorizations through
12:34:42 4 your attorney, which --

12:34:43 5 A. I've got a bill.

12:34:44 6 Q. Sure. What I'm trying to figure out is
12:34:46 7 what you recall yourself from that day.

12:34:48 8 A. Okay.

12:34:48 9 Q. Do you recall if you received any type
12:34:50 10 of testing?

12:34:52 11 A. I don't know if it was an MRI, a
12:34:54 12 CAT scan. I don't know the difference. But I went
12:34:56 13 in the big machine. That lasted less than a
12:34:59 14 minute. It was real peripheral.

12:35:05 15 Q. Did you ever speak to a doctor or have
12:35:07 16 a doctor examine you that day?

12:35:08 17 A. Yeah.

12:35:10 18 Q. Did you receive any type of medical
12:35:11 19 diagnosis?

12:35:14 20 A. Not that I was aware of that day. I
12:35:17 21 became aware of it later on. My discharge plan.
12:35:21 22 When they -- when you get out of the emergency
12:35:24 23 room, they give you a discharge thing to tell you

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12:35:25 1 what you should look for.

12:35:30 2 When I finally got that, it said, look for a
12:35:33 3 concussion, symptoms of a concussion. But that was
12:35:36 4 confiscated by the officer in the car that hit me.
12:35:39 5 She got that. And then they took me to Central
12:35:42 6 Booking and they never gave that to me.

12:35:44 7 I wouldn't even be aware of that now had I
12:35:47 8 not got medical records later on and found that
12:35:50 9 document. But I was never given a discharge plan
12:35:53 10 at the hospital.

12:35:54 11 The hospital's records indicate that she was
12:35:58 12 given that document. Discharge planning given to
12:36:01 13 the police.

12:36:02 14 Q. Did they ever prescribe you any
12:36:03 15 medication while you were there?

12:36:06 16 A. I think they told me like take
12:36:08 17 ibuprofen or something for a headache.

12:36:10 18 Q. Okay. Do you recall the injuries that
12:36:12 19 you complained of when you were there?

12:36:13 20 A. Yeah. The first one, the one that
12:36:15 21 upset me the most was when the doctor came in, I
12:36:20 22 was sitting in the -- I was sitting in the hospital
12:36:25 23 bed with the handcuffs on and both my hands were

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12:36:31 1 numb.

12:36:31 2 Q. Did you ever complain of --

12:36:33 3 A. And I complained to the doctor. I
12:36:34 4 said, I can't feel my hands. So the doctor said,
12:36:38 5 can't we take the handcuffs off? Or something to
12:36:42 6 that effect, directing the officers to take the
12:36:44 7 handcuffs off.

12:36:45 8 And when the handcuffs came off, both of my
12:36:52 9 wrists were black and blue. My right wrist had
12:36:56 10 a -- had more than just a black and blue mark. It
12:36:59 11 was down through the -- through the skin on both
12:37:02 12 sides of my wrist, and this one had the same thing
12:37:05 13 here and here. And I looked like I had barbed wire
12:37:11 14 wrapped around my arms.

12:37:12 15 Q. Did you ever complain about the
12:37:13 16 handcuffs to the police officers?

12:37:23 17 A. Yes.

12:37:23 18 Q. Did you ever ask that they be loosened?

12:37:27 19 A. Yeah. When I became aware that I was
12:37:29 20 in the emergency room and I was in the bed, I said,
12:37:32 21 can you take these off? They hurt.

12:37:34 22 Q. It was only at that point with that
12:37:36 23 doctor that you brought that up?

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12:37:38 1 A. Well, for whatever reason, the
12:37:41 2 unreasonable police, that I thought they were being
12:37:44 3 unreasonable at that point, I didn't think they
12:37:49 4 were going to be reasonable enough, until they felt
12:37:52 5 themselves in a safe environment, to get these
12:37:55 6 handcuffs off of me.

12:37:58 7 So the doctor told them to take them off,
12:38:00 8 they took them off, and they were swelled up. And
12:38:03 9 I said, somebody get a camera. Somebody get a
12:38:05 10 cell phone and take pictures of my hands. Look
12:38:08 11 what they did to me.

12:38:09 12 Q. So up until that point, you never
12:38:12 13 mentioned anything about your wrists or the
12:38:13 14 handcuffs to the police officers?

12:38:17 15 A. I never mentioned anything to the
12:38:18 16 officer that said he was going to charge me with
12:38:21 17 fraud, no. And the two female officers, after they
12:38:26 18 left Schmarbeck at 37, I didn't see them again
12:38:29 19 until they were at the hospital.

12:38:32 20 The officer that was driving the police car,
12:38:35 21 the one who had originally talked to Mike at the
12:38:38 22 curb, no. I was laid back in the back of a police
12:38:42 23 car with my head hurting. I wasn't about to have

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12:38:46 1 conversations with these people that had put the
12:38:47 2 handcuffs on me.

12:38:50 3 Was I going to tell them to pull the car
12:38:52 4 over and take the handcuffs off? No, I wasn't
12:38:54 5 going to do that.

12:38:55 6 There was no really good opportunity, other
12:38:58 7 than once I got to the hospital, to say, you've
12:39:00 8 injured me. Take these things off. They're on too
12:39:03 9 tight. You've brutalized me.

12:39:07 10 No. I didn't have that chance until I got
12:39:09 11 there.

12:39:09 12 Q. So for the entire car ride between
12:39:11 13 Schmarbeck and ECMC, you never once brought up the
12:39:13 14 handcuffs or --

12:39:14 15 A. I pretty much had my head down and
12:39:17 16 said, listen--

12:39:17 17 Q. I'm just going to direct you just to
12:39:18 18 answer my question.

12:39:19 19 During the drive from Schmarbeck to ECMC,
12:39:21 20 you never brought up the handcuffs or any pain to
12:39:25 21 your wrists to the police officers?

12:39:26 22 A. No. No. Oh, they were well aware I
12:39:29 23 was in pain. No, I didn't bring it up.

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12:39:31 1 Q. How would the police be aware that you
12:39:34 2 were in pain?

12:39:34 3 A. I was laying down in the back seat of
12:39:36 4 the police car.

12:39:37 5 Q. Did you ever verbalize that you were in
12:39:39 6 pain to them?

12:39:41 7 A. Yeah. They were aware of that when I
12:39:43 8 asked Earl to call an ambulance because I hit my
12:39:46 9 head.

12:39:46 10 Q. Okay. But, again, you never asked them
12:39:48 11 for medical treatment yourself?

12:39:52 12 A. I think the inference was clear by
12:39:53 13 asking for an ambulance, that they were aware of
12:39:58 14 and they had actually canceled ambulance calls.

12:40:00 15 Q. How do you -- what makes you think they
12:40:03 16 canceled an ambulance?

12:40:12 17 A. Can I say hearsay?

12:40:13 18 Q. Well, I mean, any time I ask you a
12:40:15 19 question about what someone's saying, that's
12:40:17 20 hearsay.

12:40:17 21 A. Okay. Rachel told me later on, when
12:40:19 22 she was sitting in the window watching all this,
12:40:21 23 crying, with the three babies upstairs, she said,

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12:40:26 1 the officer -- the male officer in the passenger
12:40:32 2 side of the car, the male officer had got on his
12:40:37 3 radio and -- you know, his little chin strap radio
12:40:40 4 or shoulder radio, and said, cancel all ambulance
12:40:44 5 requests from 41, 37, and 33 Schmarbeck.

12:40:51 6 Q. But that's nothing that you knew at the
12:40:53 7 time that this was happening, correct? Rachel only
12:40:58 8 tells you this later?

12:40:59 9 A. She confirms it later. I as much as
12:41:02 10 suspected it when they were beating up on Earl.
12:41:04 11 When they were brutalizing Earl. I won't say
12:41:07 12 beating up.

12:41:07 13 Q. So you never heard them do that; you
12:41:09 14 just speculated that that's what they were doing?

12:41:11 15 A. I never heard them do that.

12:41:13 16 Q. Okay.

12:41:13 17 A. I just -- when's the ambulance going to
12:41:17 18 get here? And the ambulance never came.

12:41:18 19 Q. Any other injuries that you complained
12:41:19 20 of at ECMC?

12:41:20 21 A. Yeah. My head. My arms were pretty
12:41:25 22 well numb from like here down, my hands, and the
12:41:31 23 back of my head. The back of my head hurt really

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12:41:33 1 bad.

12:41:34 2 Q. Were you given any instructions to
12:41:36 3 follow up with or receive other medical treatment?

12:41:40 4 A. I didn't -- I -- those instructions
12:41:43 5 were issued by the ECMC emergency room, but I never
12:41:47 6 got them because they were given to the police, who
12:41:50 7 told the ECMC emergency room staff they were going
12:41:54 8 to take me to jail.

12:41:56 9 And then when we got down to Central
12:41:59 10 Booking, I was issued an appearance ticket, but
12:42:02 11 I wasn't released.

12:42:04 12 Q. Okay. Have you ever had any injuries
12:42:06 13 to your hands or wrists before?

12:42:11 14 A. Not anything major. I mean, you get
12:42:13 15 a cut or something.

12:42:14 16 Q. Ever break your wrist?

12:42:15 17 A. No. I've never had a broken bone.

12:42:19 18 Q. Any nerve issues ever to your wrists or
12:42:22 19 hands?

12:42:24 20 A. No. I had a -- no, I've never had
12:42:29 21 anything.

12:42:29 22 Q. What about to your head? Have you ever
12:42:31 23 suffered any concussions before?

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12:42:32 1 A. No.

12:42:32 2 Q. Any type of neurological issues to your
12:42:34 3 head?

12:42:35 4 A. Yeah. I had a schwannoma tumor removed
12:42:39 5 from my spine.

12:42:41 6 Q. Is that back surgery, or --

12:42:43 7 A. Yeah.

12:42:43 8 Q. -- is that --

12:42:45 9 A. Lower back.

12:42:49 10 Q. Does that cause any type of numbness to
12:42:52 11 any extremities of your body?

12:42:55 12 A. What I'm experiencing now is not
12:42:57 13 related to my back because I didn't have it until
12:42:59 14 the 1st of January. I'm not a neurologist.

12:43:05 15 Q. Sure. I'm not either.

12:43:06 16 A. And what happens with the top of your
12:43:08 17 back and the bottom of your back and your left and
12:43:10 18 right feet and arms, you read stuff: Well, this
12:43:14 19 can -- you can get numb here from that. But no,
12:43:17 20 I don't know.

12:43:17 21 Q. When did you have that surgery to your
12:43:19 22 spine?

12:43:22 23 A. The last time I worked was in '98, so

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12:43:25 1 I'm going to say it was in '98. I've never worked
12:43:28 2 after that. Not for a wage. Not at a job with an
12:43:31 3 hourly wage.

12:43:32 4 Q. So about 1999 you think you had that
12:43:34 5 surgery?

12:43:34 6 A. Yeah. Dr. Enunchuck, Hamburg. Was
12:43:40 7 performed at Buffalo General. Dr. Enunchuck is the
12:43:43 8 neurologist, neurosurgeon in Hamburg who did it.

12:43:46 9 Q. What was the -- during the time at
12:43:49 10 ECMC, did you ever yell at the hospital staff?

12:43:59 11 A. Yes.

12:44:00 12 Q. What did you yell at them?

12:44:01 13 A. I don't want that nurse involved with
12:44:03 14 my care.

12:44:04 15 That was the first nurse that walked in.
12:44:08 16 I'm going to call her the forensic nurse. After
12:44:11 17 she told me that I jumped on a police car, I was
12:44:14 18 like: Nope. We're done. I can tell already
12:44:17 19 you've been tainted.

12:44:17 20 Q. Did you ever swear or threaten any of
12:44:20 21 the medical staff?

12:44:20 22 A. No. I never threatened anybody.

12:44:22 23 Q. Did you ever swear or yell at the

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12:44:23 1 police while you were there?

12:44:25 2 A. I was rather boisterous and loud in my
12:44:28 3 assertions that this foolishness was not going to
12:44:41 4 go unhistorilized. Does that help you?

12:44:44 5 Q. Did you use those words?

12:44:46 6 A. No.

12:44:46 7 Q. What were the words you were using?

12:44:53 8 A. I think I -- I think I called the two
12:44:55 9 women feminazis.

12:44:57 10 Q. Why did you use those terms?

12:44:59 11 A. Because their costumes kind of
12:45:02 12 resembled Army uniforms, and they had -- there was
12:45:06 13 like flak jackets on that the Army uses, and they
12:45:11 14 kind of walked around and were trying to extend
12:45:13 15 their authority the way a jackbooted thug nazi
12:45:17 16 would be thought of.

12:45:18 17 And I wasn't alive in World War II, but you
12:45:22 18 read and you see movies. That's how they acted, I
12:45:25 19 think. And that's the way these were acting. As
12:45:27 20 though they had somehow arrested a wanted and
12:45:30 21 hardened fugitive and that they are in the right
12:45:33 22 and that what happened here was all his fault.

12:45:38 23 Q. Did you ever threaten them?

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12:45:40 1 A. I think I told them I was going to go
12:45:44 2 to Internal Affairs.

12:45:45 3 Q. Did you ever make a report to Internal
12:45:47 4 Affairs?

12:45:47 5 A. No. I wouldn't go to Internal Affairs.
12:45:50 6 No.

12:45:50 7 Q. Why not?

12:46:00 8 A. I don't think they're independent
12:46:02 9 enough to come to any kind of a reasonably
12:46:06 10 independent determination about anything. I don't
12:46:10 11 think the police investigating the police can
12:46:12 12 happen.

12:46:15 13 Q. Do you know how long you were at ECMC
12:46:17 14 for?

12:46:19 15 A. I was there twice that day.

12:46:24 16 Q. So let's just talk about the first time
12:46:26 17 then.

12:46:26 18 A. I'm going to think I was there for
12:46:28 19 three hours, maybe four.

12:46:29 20 Q. During that period of time, were you
12:46:30 21 ever -- were there other people -- doctors,
12:46:34 22 patients -- around in the area where you were in?

12:46:37 23 A. No. The room I was in was a private

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12:46:40 1 room. There were -- there was a door on the right,
12:46:43 2 and there was a door on the left. They both went
12:46:46 3 out in the hall.

12:46:48 4 And what would happen whenever a clinician
12:46:51 5 would come in is one of these two feminazi cops
12:46:55 6 would walk in and interdict in my care or try to
12:47:02 7 create a narrative for this new clinician that:
12:47:07 8 Oh, yeah. He jumped out in front of our police
12:47:09 9 car.

12:47:09 10 It was like the more they told the story,
12:47:11 11 the more they thought they were going to be
12:47:14 12 believed.

12:47:14 13 Q. So about what time were you taken from
12:47:16 14 ECMC to Central Booking?

12:47:20 15 A. I'm going to say 2, 2:30.

12:47:23 16 I could probably find out exactly looking at
12:47:25 17 documents, but about 2, 2:30.

12:47:28 18 Q. How were you transported to Central
12:47:30 19 Booking?

12:47:32 20 A. In a police car.

12:47:33 21 Q. Did you have any conversation with the
12:47:35 22 police while you were with them during that ride?

12:47:40 23 A. That was the two women.

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12:47:41 1 Q. Same two women from earlier on

12:47:43 2 Schmarbeck?

12:47:44 3 A. Yeah. The two women were the same two
12:47:47 4 women officers. Honest to God, I don't think I
12:47:54 5 said anything to them.

12:47:55 6 Q. What happened once you got to Central
12:47:56 7 Booking?

12:47:57 8 A. Well, they strip searched me and looked
12:47:59 9 up my ass.

12:47:59 10 Q. Who did that?

12:48:01 11 A. The Central Booking staff. The Central
12:48:04 12 Booking staff were asking these two officers:
12:48:07 13 What's going to happen to him? Where is he going
12:48:10 14 to go? Is he going to go upstairs to jail? You
12:48:12 15 know, what's going to happen? Or are they taking
12:48:15 16 him somewhere?

12:48:16 17 And the two women officers wouldn't respond
12:48:18 18 to those queries in my presence. And so they --
12:48:24 19 sooner than saying, well, he's getting an
12:48:27 20 appearance ticket, so that they didn't have to do a
12:48:29 21 strip search and look up my ass, they decided that
12:48:34 22 they would go ahead and let me be demoralized,
12:48:38 23 dehumanized, and go through this whole experience

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12:48:41 1 down at Central Booking, and then they would give
12:48:43 2 me -- give the staff the knowledge that I was
12:48:47 3 leaving. But I really wasn't leaving. They had
12:48:49 4 more planned.

12:48:50 5 Q. At any point were you informed what
12:48:54 6 charges were being pressed?

12:48:58 7 A. The first time I found out what I was
12:49:00 8 being charged with formally was when I was handed
12:49:04 9 the appearance ticket.

12:49:06 10 Q. You were still in Central Booking at
12:49:08 11 that point?

12:49:08 12 A. Yeah.

12:49:08 13 Q. Were you ever placed in a cell?

12:49:16 14 A. Yeah. See, I came in, I sat on a bench
12:49:20 15 in a hallway with like a bank teller window, and
12:49:24 16 then I was taken down the hallway and the pictures
12:49:29 17 and the strip search, and then I was brought back.

12:49:31 18 And there was a cell off to the side. I
12:49:33 19 think she told me to step into the cell, and I
12:49:35 20 walked into the cell, and then she said, no, come
12:49:38 21 out here and sit in the hallway.

12:49:40 22 I think that's -- but I was never in a cell
12:49:42 23 with other inmates, the way you would think of a

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12:49:46 1 cell with bars.

12:49:47 2 Q. Did you ever request medical attention
12:49:49 3 while you were at Central Booking?

12:49:51 4 A. I had just left the hospital. I
12:49:54 5 figured the sooner I get this over with, the sooner
12:49:57 6 I can get to a doctor of my own choosing.

12:50:01 7 Q. So you made no requests to any of the
12:50:02 8 staff at Central Booking for medical treatment?

12:50:04 9 A. They were -- okay. This is -- this is
12:50:07 10 in regards to that. This does answer your question.

12:50:15 11 Inside the bank teller window, the woman
12:50:19 12 that was booking me through, there was an envelope
12:50:24 13 from ECMC, and the lady who was booking us through
12:50:29 14 asked one of the two female police officers: Where
12:50:33 15 is he coming from? They said ECMC. Do you have
12:50:36 16 anything with him?

12:50:38 17 And at this time she was inside this booth,
12:50:42 18 and she opened -- made a flourish to open it up.
12:50:45 19 She says, oh, these must be his medical records.
12:50:47 20 She pulled it out and said, oh, yeah, they're his
12:50:50 21 medical records.

12:50:51 22 And she gave those medical records to the
12:50:54 23 woman that was booking -- that was inside this --

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12:50:58 1 Q. Sir, my question, though, was: Did you
12:51:00 2 ever make a request to any staff at Central
12:51:02 3 Booking?

12:51:03 4 A. I wasn't there very long. What I mean
12:51:05 5 by that is I was never asked that question when
12:51:09 6 they took my picture.

12:51:10 7 Q. Well, my question is: Did you ever
12:51:12 8 make a request to staff at Central Booking? It's
12:51:18 9 a yes or no.

12:51:19 10 A. You're right, it is. No, I never did.

12:51:23 11 Q. Were you experiencing any injuries at
12:51:27 12 that point when you were at Central Booking?

12:51:29 13 A. My head still hurt, but not near as
12:51:32 14 much as it did when I hit the ground.

12:51:33 15 Q. Were you bleeding?

12:51:34 16 A. No. No. I never had that kind of an
12:51:38 17 injury where, you know, blood was gushing out of
12:51:42 18 me. The worst that I could see was the handcuff
12:51:46 19 injury and the back of my head. I couldn't figure
12:51:49 20 out why the back of my head wasn't swelled up. I
12:51:53 21 kept trying to feel for knots.

12:51:56 22 Q. You were just experiencing pain there?

12:51:58 23 A. It hurt.

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12:52:01 1 Q. Did you ever see a judge?

12:52:02 2 A. At Central Booking?

12:52:02 3 Q. Yes.

12:52:04 4 A. No.

12:52:04 5 Q. Were you ever taken in to like

12:52:07 6 arraignment?

12:52:07 7 A. At Central Booking? No.

12:52:10 8 Q. And eventually you were given a desk

12:52:13 9 appearance ticket?

12:52:14 10 A. I signed an appearance ticket. I don't

12:52:17 11 know if it's a desk appearance.

12:52:22 12 Q. Sure.

12:52:25 13 How long were you at Central Booking?

12:52:26 14 A. I'm going to say about an hour. I

12:52:29 15 might be wrong.

12:52:30 16 Q. Did there come a time when you were

12:52:31 17 released from Central Booking?

12:52:33 18 A. No. They put me back in a police car

12:52:34 19 and took me back to ECMC.

12:52:36 20 Q. Do you know why you were taken back to

12:52:37 21 ECMC?

12:52:38 22 A. Not at the time. They didn't tell me:

12:52:41 23 We're going to take you back to ECMC.

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12:52:43 1 When they loaded me into the car at Central
12:52:45 2 Booking, as in taking me out, I thought they were
12:52:49 3 taking me like to Alden Holding Center or some
12:52:52 4 other jail or some other wing of the prison.

12:52:55 5 Q. Did you ever ask -- did you ever ask
12:52:56 6 where you were going?

12:52:59 7 A. At this point I'm still under the power
12:53:01 8 and control of these two feminazis, and I don't
12:53:04 9 think I'm going to get a straight answer from them
12:53:07 10 even if I ask them for something, so --

12:53:09 11 Q. Well, it's a yes or no question, right?
12:53:11 12 I'm going to direct you to answer my question.

12:53:14 13 A. Okay.

12:53:15 14 Q. Did you ever ask them where you were
12:53:17 15 going?

12:53:17 16 A. No.

12:53:18 17 Q. What happened when you got back to
12:53:21 18 ECMC?

12:53:25 19 A. We went back in the emergency room, and
12:53:29 20 I'm not really familiar with like the corridors
12:53:34 21 there, but we went through the emergency room and
12:53:38 22 through a bunch of corridors and we got to a door.
12:53:42 23 It was a CPAP unit.

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12:53:49 1 Q. Did you undergo any additional diagnostic
12:53:54 2 testing, like x-rays or CAT scans, when you were
12:53:56 3 there that second time?

12:54:06 4 A. The question of diagnostic, I -- but
12:54:09 5 I didn't have any like CAT scans or machine
12:54:13 6 diagnostic.

12:54:14 7 Q. So somebody examined you?

12:54:15 8 A. Yeah. I was triaged.

12:54:19 9 Q. Were you given any medical diagnosis
12:54:21 10 that second stay at ECMC?

12:54:23 11 A. No. My understanding -- to be frank,
12:54:31 12 my understanding was gleaned from that experience
12:54:35 13 at the CPAP unit that until halfway through it,
12:54:38 14 they didn't even know I had been in the emergency
12:54:40 15 room that morning, so they were just treating me as
12:54:44 16 if I had been picked up by two policemen and
12:54:47 17 brought there and dropped off.

12:54:49 18 Q. Did the -- did you speak to a doctor
12:54:52 19 while you were there?

12:54:53 20 A. After the triage, I spoke to two -- two
12:54:56 21 different people there. One was a woman. I think
12:55:00 22 she was a psychiatric nurse. And then the second
12:55:02 23 one was a man, oriental guy. I think he was a

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12:55:07 1 psychiatrist.

12:55:09 2 After the triage, speaking to the woman, I
12:55:13 3 think that interview lasted about five minutes, and
12:55:15 4 then I think the interview with the doctor lasted
12:55:17 5 about two, maybe three minutes.

12:55:19 6 Q. Did you curse or yell during that exam?

12:55:21 7 A. No, no, no, no.

12:55:25 8 Q. Were you prescribed any medication --

12:55:27 9 A. No.

12:55:27 10 Q. -- that second trip?

12:55:28 11 A. No.

12:55:30 12 Q. At what point did you leave ECMC that
12:55:32 13 second time?

12:55:34 14 A. The second clinician, the doctor I
12:55:37 15 spoke to for a couple minutes, I essentially
12:55:40 16 explained to him a lot of the ground we've covered
12:55:44 17 here today. And he said, is there any way I can
12:55:46 18 confirm this? And I said, well, you can call
12:55:50 19 Rachel. She was at home. She watched the whole
12:55:52 20 thing.

12:55:54 21 And he said, so you have a lawyer? I said,
12:55:56 22 yeah. I've got a couple of them. And he said,
12:55:58 23 they're already involved in this? And I said,

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12:56:01 1 yeah, I hope. And he said, well, let me call

12:56:05 2 Rachel.

12:56:05 3 So he left. About ten, 15 minutes later, a

12:56:10 4 woman called my name, and I walked up and said,

12:56:13 5 yes. And she said, you've got the golden ticket.

12:56:15 6 And I said, well, that's Charlie and the Chocolate

12:56:19 7 Factory. She said, no. The doctor has ordered

12:56:23 8 your release immediately.

12:56:24 9 Q. Do you recall the name of that doctor?

12:56:25 10 A. Not off the top of my. I've got

12:56:27 11 records that indicate who the guy was.

12:56:30 12 Q. Okay.

12:56:30 13 A. But I don't -- I don't remember his

12:56:32 14 name.

12:56:32 15 Q. Did you leave ECMC of your -- on your

12:56:36 16 own?

12:56:36 17 A. They were going to get me a cab home,

12:56:38 18 but Rachel had followed essentially where I was

12:56:43 19 most of the day, with the help of other people, and

12:56:48 20 she came to the hospital.

12:56:49 21 I think Earl was watching the three boys,

12:56:52 22 and she came to the hospital, and she picked me up

12:56:55 23 right there at the door, and they had already

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12:56:57 1 called a cab, but Rachel came and got me.

12:56:59 2 Q. So at what point did the police leave
12:57:01 3 you at ECMC?

12:57:03 4 A. When I got to the door of the CPAP
12:57:10 5 unit, my hands were still cuffed, and the one
12:57:13 6 police officer said, do you want me to take the
12:57:15 7 handcuffs off now? We're at the door where the
12:57:21 8 clinicians from the CPAP unit are going to come.

12:57:24 9 And I said, well, you've been brutalizing me
12:57:28 10 all day. I said, now you're going to take the
12:57:33 11 handcuffs off and try to make yourselves look good
12:57:36 12 in front of these CPAP people? I said, how much
12:57:39 13 longer do you think they're going to be on? He
12:57:41 14 said, oh, a minute or so. I said, well, why don't
12:57:44 15 you just let the handcuffs stay on for the next
12:57:46 16 minute.

12:57:46 17 Q. So you didn't complain about them
12:57:49 18 hurting you or anything?

12:57:49 19 A. Well, they weren't on excessively at
12:57:53 20 that point in the day. The injury had already been
12:57:56 21 sustained, and they were kind of loose. And I
12:57:58 22 said, well, you know, let's not -- let's show them
12:58:02 23 what you did, you know.

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12:58:03 1 Q. But you didn't ask them to be taken off
12:58:05 2 at the point that they offered to take them off?

12:58:07 3 A. I asked them how much longer they were
12:58:09 4 going to be on. They said, another minute or so.
12:58:11 5 I said, well, let the staff see how you treat
12:58:14 6 people when you bring them to CPAP who were
12:58:18 7 completely reasonable.

12:58:18 8 Q. Did you ever threaten the police in the
12:58:20 9 ride from Central Booking --

12:58:21 10 A. No.

12:58:21 11 Q. -- to ECMC?

12:58:22 12 A. No.

12:58:22 13 Q. Did you ever curse at them during that
12:58:23 14 ride?

12:58:24 15 A. No.

12:58:24 16 Q. Did you have any conversation with them
12:58:26 17 during that ride?

12:58:27 18 I'm sorry. I think I already asked you
12:58:29 19 that.

12:58:30 20 A. The first two male officers or the
12:58:32 21 second set of female officers?

12:58:34 22 Q. Second set of females.

12:58:35 23 A. No. I don't think I had any -- I don't

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12:58:38 1 think I had any conversation with them.

12:58:46 2 Q. When were you arraigned on criminal
12:58:49 3 charges?

12:58:55 4 A. It was unusual, because it was ten or
12:58:58 5 12 days after.

12:58:59 6 When they gave me that appearance ticket,
12:59:01 7 they gave me an appearance ticket for a felony, and
12:59:05 8 then I had to come back for the arraignment like
12:59:08 9 ten or 12 days later.

12:59:09 10 Q. Did the ticket direct you what day to
12:59:11 11 come back to court?

12:59:11 12 A. Yeah.

12:59:11 13 Q. Do you recall what judge you appeared
12:59:13 14 in front of?

12:59:13 15 A. McLeod.

12:59:16 16 Q. Was it the same judge every time?

12:59:19 17 A. Yeah.

12:59:20 18 Q. Do you recall how many times you went
12:59:21 19 back to court?

12:59:26 20 A. If I said six or seven.

12:59:33 21 Q. On your first arraignment did you enter
12:59:38 22 a plea?

12:59:43 23 A. I think I did, but I can't remember for

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12:59:44 1 sure.

12:59:45 2 Q. Okay. Did you have an attorney with
12:59:48 3 you?

12:59:48 4 A. I can't remember if Jim was in the
12:59:51 5 arraignment at that point. I'm pretty sure he was,
12:59:54 6 because at that point, I didn't know I had been
12:59:57 7 charged with a felony, and I think it was at the
12:59:59 8 arraignment that Jim discovered that it was a
13:00:02 9 felony charge for the first time. We thought that
13:00:04 10 they had charged me with a misdemeanor.

13:00:06 11 Q. Was Jim your attorney on the criminal
13:00:08 12 matter?

13:00:09 13 A. Yes.

13:00:09 14 Q. Did you incur any fees or expenses as a
13:00:12 15 result of the criminal case?

13:00:17 16 A. Yes.

13:00:20 17 Q. What type of fees did you -- or
13:00:22 18 expenses did you incur?

13:00:25 19 A. Well, I had to pay Jim to represent me
13:00:27 20 in the felony, and there was a violation attached
13:00:30 21 to that as well.

13:00:31 22 Q. So was there a court mandated fee?

13:00:35 23 A. No.

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13:00:36 1 Q. I'm sorry. A violation means one thing
13:00:37 2 to me. Let me just clarify. What do you mean by
13:00:40 3 violation?

13:00:41 4 A. A V is below a misdemeanor?

13:00:45 5 Q. Sure. Did you end up pleading guilty
13:00:49 6 to a violation?

13:00:50 7 A. No. Both the charges were dismissed.

13:00:52 8 Q. Okay. Do you know why they were
13:00:53 9 dismissed?

13:01:06 10 A. I believe it was because I didn't -- I
13:01:07 11 wasn't guilty of either one of them. If there's a
13:01:10 12 legal minutia in there.

13:01:12 13 Q. Do you know if they were outright
13:01:13 14 dismissed, or did you take what's called an ACD?

13:01:16 15 A. No. They were outright dismissed.

13:01:18 16 Q. Did you ever give any testimony -- did
13:01:20 17 you ever appear in the grand jury regarding that?

13:01:27 18 A. No. The charges -- the felony, they
13:01:29 19 never had a felony hearing and that was never
13:01:31 20 presented to the grand jury. I was willing to
13:01:34 21 testify at the grand jury but that never happened.

13:01:36 22 Q. Did you ever give -- I'm sorry. I may
13:01:39 23 have just asked you this again. Did you ever give

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13:01:41 1 any testimony regarding this incident during the
13:01:44 2 criminal case?

13:01:49 3 A. No.

13:01:50 4 Q. Are you aware if any police officers
13:01:53 5 gave any testimony during the criminal case?

13:01:55 6 A. They made sworn statements. Part of a
13:02:02 7 complaint would be a sworn affidavit.

13:02:04 8 Q. Sure. So you're aware of a complaint.
13:02:07 9 Are you aware of them testifying in court at all?

13:02:08 10 A. I'm not aware of them testifying in
13:02:10 11 court.

13:02:10 12 And there's an additional sworn statement
13:02:13 13 which one of the two female officers made that
13:02:20 14 provided my entry into the CPAP unit. So there is
13:02:27 15 a -- under mental health law, she had to make a
13:02:29 16 sworn statement there too, so there were two sworn
13:02:33 17 statements by her.

13:02:43 18 Q. Do you recall the ADA who handled the
13:02:45 19 criminal matter?

13:02:47 20 A. No, I don't. It was a man.

13:02:56 21 Q. Aside from yourself, Earl, Rachel, and
13:03:01 22 the police officers present, are you aware if there
13:03:04 23 were any other witnesses to what happened on

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13:03:07 1 January 1st, 2017?

13:03:09 2 A. Mike Wolfe might have been in his house
13:03:11 3 looking out the window.

13:03:12 4 Q. Did you ever discuss this incident with
13:03:14 5 him?

13:03:16 6 A. No.

13:03:19 7 Q. I know you mentioned before that Mike,
13:03:23 8 shortly thereafter, stopped being your tenant. Did
13:03:25 9 that have any connection to this incident?

13:03:28 10 A. No. He was well on his way gone before
13:03:29 11 this ever happened. In fact, that's why -- one of
13:03:32 12 the reasons I took Earl downstairs and said, let's
13:03:34 13 go find out from these cops what's going on.

13:03:37 14 Because I have a lot of tenants from
13:03:40 15 Restoration, and I have a lot of tenants with
13:03:43 16 mental health problems, and they get in weird
13:03:46 17 things where they're in crisis in weird ways, and
13:03:49 18 if you know them and you've known them for four or
13:03:52 19 five months, sometimes you can see that.

13:03:54 20 But if you're a policeman and you pull up at
13:03:56 21 the curb and you talk to them for 30 seconds,
13:03:58 22 sometimes you don't know or sometimes you don't
13:04:01 23 care. And in Buffalo's great open-air prison, the

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13:04:06 1 East Side, a lot of the policemen don't care if
13:04:09 2 they're having a problem. Let's just get out of
13:04:11 3 here.

13:04:13 4 Q. So I know you mentioned you had pain to
13:04:15 5 the back of your head, pain to your wrists,
13:04:17 6 numbness to your hands.

13:04:18 7 Any other injuries you suffered on
13:04:19 8 January 1st, 2017?

13:04:22 9 A. The extent of my injuries right now
13:04:24 10 that I can -- that I relate directly to this, I
13:04:31 11 think I have rotator cuff injuries or something's
13:04:34 12 wrong with my shoulders. Particularly my right
13:04:36 13 side. I have numbness, and it moves, but I have
13:04:42 14 problems with my wrists, my elbow, and my shoulder
13:04:46 15 on the right side. This hurts to touch. And the
13:04:50 16 left side, the same thing, but to a lesser extent.
13:04:52 17 It comes and goes less over here.

13:04:55 18 Q. After ECMC on those two days, did you
13:04:57 19 receive any other medical treatment after that?

13:04:58 20 A. I went to see my primary.

13:05:01 21 Q. Who is your primary?

13:05:05 22 A. It's 1500 Broadway. I want to tell you
13:05:13 23 her name, but I can't.

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13:05:14 1 Q. Do you know the name of the practice
13:05:16 2 group or -- that she's in?

13:05:18 3 A. No. St. Vincent. It's in a medical
13:05:23 4 mall at 1500 Broadway.

13:05:27 5 Q. Did your primary care do any diagnostic
13:05:29 6 testing on your shoulder or any other body parts as
13:05:32 7 a result of this?

13:05:33 8 A. That was the first time I had ever seen
13:05:35 9 her. It was the first time I ever seen my primary
13:05:39 10 care physician, and she interviewed me, and she
13:05:42 11 said, what do you want to do? I said, well, I
13:05:45 12 think I need to see a neurologist. So she referred
13:05:49 13 me to a neurologist.

13:05:50 14 Q. What's the name of the neurologist?

13:05:52 15 A. The one -- I can't remember the one she
13:05:56 16 referred me to, but I'm still waiting to see a
13:05:58 17 neurologist. A lot of this is supposed to go away
13:06:01 18 on its own. A lot of the handcuff injury, with
13:06:07 19 time, it goes away on its own.

13:06:10 20 Q. Is that what your primary care told
13:06:12 21 you?

13:06:13 22 A. No. My primary care doctor, she
13:06:15 23 essentially read the ECMC medical report and kind

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13:06:20 1 of reiterated what they said: Medical records from
13:06:24 2 ECMC indicate he jumped on a police car. That is
13:06:29 3 counter to what he tells me.

13:06:33 4 Q. Did you ever end up actually getting
13:06:35 5 examined by a neurologist?

13:06:37 6 A. No, not yet.

13:06:37 7 Q. Do you have an upcoming appointment
13:06:40 8 scheduled?

13:06:48 9 A. No. The money has prevented that. As
13:06:51 10 soon as they find out there's a lawsuit, they want
13:06:53 11 cash. They will not accept Obamacare or any kind
13:06:57 12 of health insurance.

13:06:57 13 I've talked to two neurologist offices, and
13:06:59 14 the one said, well, if you're suing somebody,
13:07:01 15 you've got to bring us cash. And then the other
13:07:03 16 one said the same thing. But one was a little bit
13:07:06 17 cheaper than the other one.

13:07:07 18 And I wanted to stick with Catholic Health,
13:07:09 19 so I've got one; now all I've got to do is get the
13:07:13 20 money to go see one.

13:07:14 21 Q. So I take it by what you just said, you
13:07:17 22 don't have medical insurance?

13:07:17 23 A. No. I'm eligible for -- to apply for

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13:07:20 1 Obamacare.

13:07:21 2 Q. But you don't currently have it?

13:07:23 3 A. No.

13:07:24 4 Q. Do you have any Medicaid or anything
13:07:25 5 else that's provided?

13:07:26 6 A. No. I'm 57. I'm not eligible for that
13:07:30 7 yet, I don't think.

13:07:31 8 Q. Have you incurred any out-of-pocket
13:07:34 9 expenses as a result of your injuries?

13:07:36 10 A. To me, a lot, but I can't reiterate
13:07:41 11 them right now or tell you what they are.

13:07:43 12 Q. Do you know what those expenses related
13:07:45 13 to?

13:07:46 14 A. Well, every time you come to court
13:07:48 15 downtown, it costs to go -- you've got to take the
13:07:53 16 bus. If somebody comes down with you or brings you
13:07:58 17 down, you've got to pay to park.

13:08:01 18 Q. Well, how did you get to court? Either
13:08:03 19 the bus or someone drives you?

13:08:04 20 A. The bus or somebody picked me up and
13:08:08 21 would drive me.

13:08:08 22 I had to pay for the lawyer's fee in the
13:08:10 23 criminal. That was cash.

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13:08:11 1 There are a lot of incidentals. You come
13:08:18 2 down here, you spend all day down here in City
13:08:22 3 Court, are you allowed to eat?

13:08:24 4 Q. Well, that's what I'm trying to figure
13:08:25 5 out. Right. Because you're making a claim for
13:08:28 6 some economic loss as a result of this, and I'm
13:08:29 7 trying to quantify that by asking you what your
13:08:32 8 out-of-pockets were.

13:08:33 9 A. I would like to qualify that for you
13:08:35 10 right now, but I can't. I just can't.

13:08:37 11 Q. Sure.

13:08:38 12 Any other injuries aside from the right
13:08:40 13 shoulder, numbness, pain to your wrists, and pain
13:08:42 14 to the back of your head?

13:08:44 15 A. Not that I know of.

13:08:46 16 Q. Aside from the appointment with your
13:08:48 17 primary care, have you received any other medical
13:08:51 18 assessments or treatment?

13:08:54 19 A. No. I'd like to see a neurologist.
13:08:56 20 I'd like to see a doctor to find out what's wrong
13:08:58 21 with my arms. But no, I have not yet.

13:09:00 22 Q. Any mental health treatment as a result
13:09:02 23 of this incident?

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13:09:03 1 A. No.

13:09:04 2 Q. Any prior injury to your right
13:09:06 3 shoulder?

13:09:08 4 A. No.

13:09:16 5 Q. Do any of the injuries from January 1st
13:09:18 6 prevent you from doing daily activities in your
13:09:22 7 life?

13:09:22 8 A. There's a lot. It's getting worse too.
13:09:26 9 I used to try to keep -- do all the repairs myself.
13:09:31 10 Whatever broke, I'd try to fix it. I've been doing
13:09:34 11 that about a decade. A lot of stuff I've got to
13:09:37 12 ask Earl to help me with now. I mean, simple stuff
13:09:40 13 like taking out the garbage cans every week.

13:09:46 14 My hands numb in one thumb right now when
13:09:49 15 I'm talking to you. And a couple of times I've
13:09:55 16 dropped stuff. Using a hammer, because I'm
13:09:59 17 right-handed, a couple of times I've been using a
13:10:01 18 hammer and just dropped the hammer. Just dropped
13:10:03 19 it. That's --

13:10:06 20 Q. Have you had to hire anybody to help
13:10:08 21 you out around the properties?

13:10:09 22 A. Well, Earl's going to have -- when Earl
13:10:12 23 gets back from this, he'll hopefully be there.

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13:10:17 1 Q. While Earl's gone are you going to have
13:10:20 2 to hire anybody to help you out?

13:10:21 3 A. It depends on whether or not I can find
13:10:23 4 anybody that wants to make peanuts taking out the
13:10:27 5 garbage once a week or make peanuts mowing the
13:10:31 6 grass. There's not a lot of money to be made.

13:10:32 7 Q. Any physical therapy since January 1st?

13:10:35 8 A. Not yet. But, again, not for want of
13:10:40 9 trying. Just for want of resources.

13:10:41 10 Q. Have you taken any medication to deal
13:10:43 11 with your pain or numbness, over the counter or
13:10:49 12 prescribed?

13:10:50 13 A. No.

13:11:04 14 Q. Did you take any photographs of any of
13:11:06 15 the injuries you suffered that day?

13:11:10 16 A. I think I tried to get Earl and Rachel
13:11:13 17 to take pictures of the hands after I was out of
13:11:18 18 the hospital, but that's it.

13:11:24 19 Q. So were photographs taken?

13:11:26 20 A. Yeah, but I don't know if they survive.

13:11:28 21 Q. Who took the photographs?

13:11:30 22 A. I think Earl and Rachel both took some
13:11:34 23 because they've got different kind of phones and

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13:11:37 1 the pictures turn out different.

13:11:42 2 Q. Have you suffered any loss of income as
13:11:45 3 a result of what happened on January 1st, 2017,
13:11:49 4 aside from like the expenses for parking and bus
13:11:52 5 that you've already listed?

13:12:00 6 A. I'm going to say no.

13:12:05 7 Q. Did you keep any records or written
13:12:07 8 statements regarding your injuries or this
13:12:09 9 incident?

13:12:11 10 A. That I produced?

13:12:12 11 Q. Yes.

13:12:15 12 A. No. I think I might have made some
13:12:18 13 notations on medical records that I was able to get
13:12:20 14 later on, but no, I didn't -- you mean like write a
13:12:25 15 description or a diary?

13:12:27 16 Q. Sure.

13:12:27 17 A. No.

13:12:28 18 Q. The notations that you recorded on the
13:12:29 19 medical records, what were they in regards to?

13:12:33 20 A. More highlighting than anything. More
13:12:36 21 just highlighting. Like if I saw something that I
13:12:38 22 didn't think was completely accurate, I'd highlight
13:12:41 23 it.

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13:12:41 1 Q. And did you note what you thought
13:12:43 2 actually happened --

13:12:44 3 A. No.

13:12:44 4 Q. -- compared to what was recorded?

13:12:46 5 A. No. No. I -- I can give you an
13:12:49 6 example of that. It kind of jumps out at me.

13:12:54 7 After I left the CPAP unit and about ten
13:12:58 8 days later I went and saw my primary, she said, in
13:13:02 9 her two paragraphs that she wrote after she looked
13:13:07 10 at the ECMC records, that the doctor had -- the
13:13:11 11 psychiatrist had diagnosed me with a disorder in
13:13:15 12 his three-minute conversation with me. And that
13:13:22 13 was the first I found out about it is when I was
13:13:25 14 talking to that primary ten days later.

13:13:26 15 Q. Had you ever been diagnosed with --

13:13:28 16 A. No.

13:13:28 17 Q. When you say disorder, do you mean
13:13:31 18 mental health related disorder he diagnosed you
13:13:33 19 with, as opposed to some sort of physical --

13:13:40 20 A. I can tell you the name of it. It's
13:13:41 21 sitting in that envelope over there, if I can just
13:13:44 22 for a second look.

13:13:44 23 Q. Sure. Just let me know what you're

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13:13:46 1 looking at.

13:13:54 2 A. Adjustment disorder.

13:13:57 3 Q. And is that one of the records that
13:13:58 4 like you made notations on?

13:14:00 5 A. No. This is the record from Catholic
13:14:03 6 Health where I saw the primary that day.

13:14:05 7 Q. Oh, okay. So your primary physician's
13:14:08 8 at Catholic Health?

13:14:10 9 A. Yeah. And I didn't give you her name.
13:14:15 10 Visit with Jung. J-I-Y-E-O-N is her first
13:14:23 11 name, and her last name is Jung, J-U-N-G, M.D.

13:14:28 12 Q. What day did you see her?

13:14:32 13 A. What date is this dated?

13:14:36 14 1/10. A week later. Ten days later.

13:14:40 15 Q. And aside from that visit with your
13:14:43 16 primary care on January 10th, you've had no other
13:14:45 17 actual examinations?

13:14:46 18 A. Yeah. That's the last one. I couldn't
13:14:48 19 even afford that one.

13:14:49 20 Q. Ever been diagnosed with depression or
13:14:52 21 other mental health related --

13:14:54 22 A. No.

13:14:54 23 Q. -- disorders before?

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13:14:55 1 A. No.

13:14:57 2 Q. Have you given any interviews to the

13:14:59 3 media with regard to this incident?

13:15:02 4 A. Not yet.

13:15:03 5 Q. Do you plan to?

13:15:07 6 A. I don't think so.

13:15:10 7 Q. Have you had any interactions with the

13:15:13 8 Buffalo Police Department since this incident?

13:15:16 9 A. No.

13:15:22 10 MR. OSTROWSKI: You can't participate.

13:15:24 11 MS. HUGGINS: You can't say anything.

13:15:25 12 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.

13:15:25 13 MS. HUGGINS: So I guess the record should

13:15:27 14 indicate that your son has now said something to

13:15:29 15 you during this.

13:15:30 16 THE WITNESS: Yeah. He reminded me of

13:15:32 17 something. I'm sorry.

13:15:32 18 BY MS. HUGGINS:

13:15:33 19 Q. Without -- without having your son

13:15:35 20 remind you of something, have you had any -- do you

13:15:39 21 have a recollection of having interactions with the

13:15:40 22 police since this incident?

13:15:42 23 A. No. But with his reminding me, I do.

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13:15:46 1 Q. What was the nature of that
13:15:47 2 interaction?

13:15:47 3 A. 33, where I stay in the back of 33, the
13:15:54 4 door was kicked in over there about between 1 o'clock
13:15:56 5 in the morning and 4, when I was next door watching
13:15:59 6 the kids, and that was reported.

13:16:06 7 Q. To the police?

13:16:07 8 A. To the police. They came, they took
13:16:09 9 the report, and they left. And it was one officer
13:16:12 10 there.

13:16:12 11 Q. Was it any of the officers that you saw
13:16:14 12 on --

13:16:14 13 A. No.

13:16:14 14 Q. -- January 1st?

13:16:16 15 A. No. No.

13:16:18 16 Q. Aside from the testimony you're giving
13:16:20 17 with me today, have you had any other conversations
13:16:23 18 with City of Buffalo employees regarding this
13:16:25 19 incident on January 1st?

13:16:28 20 A. I don't think so. I don't think I know
13:16:32 21 any City of Buffalo employees.

13:16:34 22 Q. Have you made a claim against any other
13:16:38 23 party aside from the City of Buffalo with regard to

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13:16:40 1 this incident?

13:16:44 2 A. No. Other than the stuff that Jim has
13:16:46 3 done, no.

13:16:47 4 Q. Do you have any social media accounts?

13:16:49 5 A. Yeah.

13:16:50 6 Q. Did you write anything about this
13:16:51 7 incident on your social media?

13:16:56 8 A. Oh, my. No, I don't think so. Not
13:16:59 9 overtly. I didn't refer to it overtly. No. I
13:17:04 10 think I can honestly say no, I didn't.

13:17:07 11 Q. So if you say not overtly, do you mean
13:17:10 12 to suggest that you might have wrote something that
13:17:12 13 vaguely references this?

13:17:15 14 A. Yeah.

13:17:16 15 Q. What did --

13:17:17 16 A. Not the minutia of it, but the fact
13:17:19 17 that people are arrested, taken to forensic
13:17:23 18 centers, denied appropriate medical care, and that
13:17:26 19 the police lie. Yeah, that I have referenced on my
13:17:30 20 social media account.

13:17:31 21 Q. What type of social media accounts do
13:17:33 22 you have?

13:17:33 23 A. All I have is Facebook. I don't tweet

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13:17:36 1 or anything else like that.

13:17:37 2 Q. What's your user name on Facebook?

13:17:39 3 A. James Kistner.

13:17:41 4 Q. Is it public or private?

13:17:43 5 A. It's public.

13:17:49 6 Q. Do you mean to suggest that you were
13:17:51 7 denied medical care on January 1st, 2017?

13:17:54 8 A. I mean to suggest that I was denied
13:17:57 9 appropriate medical care on January 1st.

13:17:59 10 The officers at Schmarbeck should have
13:18:03 11 allowed the ambulance to come. They should have
13:18:06 12 allowed me to go to the hospital of my choosing,
13:18:10 13 like a Catholic Health hospital, not a forensic
13:18:14 14 unit.

13:18:14 15 And they didn't do that because they were
13:18:17 16 more concerned with trying to cover up the fact
13:18:19 17 that they'd run somebody over with a police car
13:18:23 18 than they were -- they had just injured somebody
13:18:26 19 and he was laying in the middle of the street.

13:18:28 20 Q. Well, did you ever make a request to go
13:18:30 21 to a Catholic Health hospital to the Buffalo Police
13:18:34 22 Department?

13:18:34 23 A. My son was calling an ambulance and

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13:18:36 1 they told him to stop.

13:18:37 2 Q. So it's --

13:18:38 3 A. They were well-aware I wanted to go
13:18:40 4 there.

13:18:40 5 Q. I want to just direct you to answer my
13:18:42 6 specific question. Did you ever make a request to
13:18:44 7 the police, on January 1st, 2017, to go to a
13:18:46 8 Catholic Health hospital?

13:18:49 9 A. I thought I was going to jail. No.

13:18:51 10 Q. Okay. Did you ever make a request for
13:18:54 11 any other type of specific medical treatment that
13:18:57 12 you deemed appropriate for yourself on January 1st,
13:19:00 13 2017, to the Buffalo Police Department?

13:19:02 14 A. Yeah. After they had brutalized me and
13:19:04 15 put the handcuffs on and I was in the hospital, I
13:19:07 16 asked them to take the handcuffs off because they
13:19:09 17 had hurt my wrists with the handcuffs and that they
13:19:12 18 had injured me and --

13:19:14 19 Q. That was that first trip to ECMC?

13:19:16 20 A. Yeah.

13:19:17 21 Q. Okay.

13:19:20 22 A. In the morning.

13:19:22 23 Q. So with regard that post you think you

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13:19:24 1 did on Facebook that might vaguely reference

13:19:27 2 this --

13:19:27 3 A. You're -- you're more than -- I'm

13:19:28 4 sorry.

13:19:28 5 Q. -- I'm going to ask you just to

13:19:31 6 preserve it, and I will make a request through your

13:19:33 7 attorney for a copy of it.

13:19:34 8 A. I -- like I said, I don't think there

13:19:37 9 is one, so I would be preserving something that

13:19:40 10 doesn't exist. I don't think there are any

13:19:42 11 specific references to this.

13:19:47 12 My Facebook account is yours to copy. It's

13:19:51 13 public. You can go on there and print all of it or

13:19:54 14 any part of it, but if you want to admit that you

13:19:57 15 want to talk about part of it, then talk about all

13:20:00 16 of it.

13:20:00 17 Q. The -- have you ever been involved in

13:20:03 18 any civil lawsuits before?

13:20:06 19 A. Yeah. I've had small claims as a

13:20:09 20 landlord, and I've had --

13:20:16 21 Q. Have you ever filed any prior notices

13:20:17 22 of claim against the City of Buffalo?

13:20:19 23 A. No.

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13:20:28 1 MS. HUGGINS: I don't have any other
13:20:30 2 questions.

13:20:32 3 MR. OSTROWSKI: Thanks a lot.
4 (Proceedings concluded at 1:20 p.m.)

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